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ISTANBUL (R) — Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Sunday Turkey might open fire on Itanian jets if they violated its airspace again. "We can take measures against planes violating our airspace." Anatolian news agency quoted Ozal as saying. "If necessary, opening fire can be included among those measures." He was speaking to reporters after an tranian jet, apparently trying to attack a bridge linking traq with Turkey Thursday, dropped five bombs on Turkish territory near the town of Habur 1,120 kilometres southeast of Ankara. Reuter correspondent John Outen, Davies quoted with received to the best of the control of Owen-Davies quoted witnesses in Habur as saving the plane, believed to be an F-4 phantom, screamed in low towards the bridge but was met by beavy Iraqi anti-aircraft fire. It dropped its bombs within one kilometre of the 700-metre bridge over the Hezil River, which forms the border with lraq. Habur is the main transit point for Turkish-traqi trade. The explosions shattered windows and caused panic among drivers of some 400 trucks waiting for the crossing to open. Ozal said Sunday the incident was not an attack on Turkey.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saeb has praised the courageous stand of the Al Birch-based Family Advancement Society Chairperson Samiha Salameh Khalil who is on a hunger strike in support of the uprising in the occupied territories and called on ber to end her hunger strike. In a statement issued here Sunday, Saeh said Khalil and her colleagues had conveyed their national message.

PLO fires rockets

SIDON (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Sunday it fired rockets at northern Israeli settlements to avenge two Israeli air strikes into south Lebanon. In a statement issued in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon, the PLO said its fighters fired eight Soviet-made Grad rockets into the Galilee settlements of Kiryat Shemona and Metulla.

Nir resigns

TEL AVIV (AP) — Amiram Nir, prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's adviser involved in the Iran-contra affair, has resigned from the post, a government official said Sunday: The official told the AP that Nir has announced his resignation several days ago and that the resignation will take effect April 1.

Mitterrand remains. ahead in opinion polls

PARIS (AP) - New public opinion polls published Sunday, the first since Socialist President Francois Mitterrand officially. announced his re-election bid, show the incumbent remaining. comfortably ahead of all his conservative rivals with about 38 per cent of the votes. The same polls, one by the Louis Harris Organisation and one by IPSOS, also indicate conservative Premier Jacques Chirac is widening his lead over former centre-right Premier Raymond Barre

Baker: Iran-contra pardons unlikely

WASHINGTON (R) — White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, in a television interview broadcast Saturday, said it was. highly unlikely President Reagan would issue a pre-trial pardon for former aides indicted in the Irancontra scandal. Baker, interviewed by the Cable News Network (CNN), said Reagan was committed to allowing the legal process to reach a conclusion before considering pardons for former White House aide Oliver North and former National Security Adviser John-Poindexter.

Shin Bet chief quits

TEL AVIV (AP) - The head of Israel's Shin Bet service resigned from the post after ruling over the agency for more than 11 years on two periods, the government announced Sunday. Yosef Har-melin, born in Vienna in 1923, joined Israel's secret service soon after the Zionist state came into being in 1948.

Cameroun beats Nigeria

CASABLANCA (R) — Cameroun beat Nigeria 1-0 (half-time 0-0) to win the 16th Africa Nations Cup soccer championship Sunday. Scorer: Kunde (55th minute penalty)

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Soldiers storm W. Bank village; 4 Palestinians killed

Mass arrests, economic siege fail to dent Palestinian revolt

"many civilians killed or wound- "industrial and military installa-

ing 45 long-range missiles into day, Baghdad Radio said.

MEITHALUN, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Israe troops on a pre-dawn raid to arrest Palestinians shot and killed three Palestinians in this remote village Sunday and soldiers killed a fourth Palestinian in an incident involving an Israeli bus that blundered into an Arab town.

The deaths raised to 118 the number of Palestinians killed in 15 weeks of violent protests against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, according to U.N. figures. One Israeli soldier has been killed.

Soldiers entered this village of 6,000 some 65 kilometres north of them with rocks and iron bars. Jerusalem overnight to arrest When a car tried to run them

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran and Iraq fired missiles into each

other's capitals in a brutal long-

range dnel Sunday as fierce bat-

strategie heights that overlook a

Shipping officials reported Ira-

nian gunboats attacked the

24,529-ton Indian tanker Jainar-

ayan Vyas in the southern Gulf

Sunday wounding one crewman

The latest victim of the so-

called "tanker war" was hit

apparently in reprisal for Iraqi air

raids on two tankers off Iran's

The Iraqis fired a long-range

city of six million, at 7.30 a.m.

(0430 GMT) after vowing to

News Agency (INA) reported.

'level Iran's cities," the Iraqi

Minutes later, another missile was launched on Tehran and two

into the central city of Isfahan,

ancient capital of the Persian

The Iranians said the missiles

hit residential neighbourhoods,

causing unspecified civilian

The Islamic Republic News

Agency (IRNA) said Revolution-

ary Guards fired two missiles at

Baghdad, which has a population of five million, 10 minutes later.

The agency said the missiles were aimed at "two military

targets" in retaliation for Iraqi

missiles that hit Tehran Saturday,

Baghdad radio reported only

one Iranian missile hit Baghdad,

exploding in a residential district

and demolishing houses, shops

and cars. It said there were

killing at least seven people.

Gulf coast Thursday night.

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empire, INA said.

key hydroelectrie dam.

and setting it on fire.

tles continued in northeast Iraq in a second Iranian missile.

Palestinians suspected of anti-Israeli activities, an army spokesman said.

The overnight raids are Israel's latest tactic to try to quash the Palestinian uprising.

As the soldiers were leaving. be said, Palestinians attacked

ed, including women and chil-

The radio made no mention of

Iraq has fired 120 long-range

missiles into Tehran, Isfaban and

the holy city of Qom, seat of

Iran's religious hierarchy, since

Baghdad and dozens short-range

projectiles into other Iraqi cities in that period.

Hundreds of civilians on both

Tehran Radio reported that the

sides have been killed in the latest

resurgence of the "war of the

Tranians also fired four missiles at

SIDON (AP) — Fighters of the largest Palestinian group Fatch have established undisputed con-

trol over Lebanon's biggest

Palestinian refugee camp near

Sidon after a two-day wave of violence in which five people

were killed, police said Sunday.

member and a Palestinian woman

killed Saturday in a shootout at

the 'Ain Al Hilweb camp on the

outskirts of the southern port

city, police reported.

They said members of Abu

Nidal's breakaway Fateh-Revolu-

tionary Council opened fire on

the Fatch fighter, identified as

Haitham Diab, when he failed to

stop at one of their checkpoints in

Diah's killing touched off a

the sprawling shanty-town.

The latest victims were a Fatch

The Iranians have reported fir-

PLO welcomes Shultz' talks with

PNC members as important step

down, "the commander of the force fired," the spokesman said. The army confirmed three Arabs were killed.

Villagers denied the soldiers were attacked. They accused soldiers of shooting at cars taking wounded to hospitals.

Ahmad Abdul Rahman, a village leader, stood near the cemetery with its three fresh graves and told the AP soldiers came to his home at 3 a.m. "and asked me to guide them to the wanted men." He said troops arrested 10 to 12 men before shooting broke out.

A fourth Palestinian was shot to death when Palestinians attacked troops who came to the rescue of an Israeli hus in Salfit, 30 kilometres north of Jerusalem, the army spokesman said.

tions" in the strategic southern

Iragi port of Basra, and two other

horder towns further north

Basra, Al Amara, a major

military staging area to the north,

and nine other towns in the

southern and central sectors of

the front line, were pounded with

artillery fire Saturday and Sun-

Fighting in northeast

from Iraq's northern Sulayama-

mych province, said guards had

advanced to within eight

kilometres of a dam and byro-

electric power station on Lake

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Fateh controls 'Ain Al Hilweh security

brief firefight between main-stream Fatch supporters and Abu

Nidal's fighters in which the

woman passer-hy, Badea

Oweida, was killed in the cross-

There have been frequent clashes

hetween Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) factions, in-

cluding Fateb, and Rival Syrian-

backed factions as well as Abu

Nidal's group.
Police said the latest have of

violence which flared Friday

prompted the PLO's military

police, known as the "Armed

Struggle Corps," to take charge of 'Ain Al Hilweh's security.

the motorcade of Fateh's military

commander in the camp, Farid

Hourani, killing him and two of 60,000 refugees.

On Friday, gunmen ambusbed

fire, police said.

IRNA, in a series of reports

mistakenly entered the village and Palestinians stoned the bus. Troops that arrived to help were also attacked with rocks and bottles, forcing the commander to fire, he said.

The Palestine Press Service identified the slain boy as 14year-old Yasser Al Khirhawi.

In Taibe, police arrested six Arabs who allegedly threw five firebombs at a police station, Israel Radio said.

Despite mass arrests, increasingly severe economie sanctions and Israeli attempts to disrupt and demoralise underground leaders of the uprising, widespread protests were again reported in the West Bank.

U.N. relief workers in the Gaza Strip said the army had arrested bundreds of local Palestinians in nightly raids under curfew in the last few days.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said in a statement that 400 Palestinians had been beaten by troops in a single week in the Gaza Strip alone.

In an attempt to break longrunning commercial strikes. Israeli troops barred all Gaza shops from opening for the last three days, including food markets and pharmacies, residents

Several traders who violated the order were arrested, they said. A merchant who complained said the military governor of Gaza City told him shops would be closed at least until the end of the month.

U.N. officials also said the army cut off electricity supplies to the Deir Al Balah refugce camp, one of four Gaza Strip camps

his bodyguards. Nine other

Hourani aides were wounded.

Police said there was no link

"But the two incidents bave led

between Friday's amhush and

to an agreement to turn over the

camp's security to the Armed Struggle Corps," a police spokes-man said. He cannot be named in

line with standing regulations.

Units of the force patrolled the

camp's narrow alleyways on foot

and in jeeps Sunday without chal-

lenge, police said.
The agreement was reached

during a meeting late Saturday

between Fateh's representatives,

Abu Nidal's aides and the "popular committee" which runs the day-to-day affairs of the camp's

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Saturday's shootout.

King briefs Sytenko on talks with Zia

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday briefed a Soviet envoy on the outcome of his talks with Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq on Afghanistan during his recent visit to Pakistan.

The Soviet envoy. Mikhail Sytenko who is the Moscow's roving ambassador, voiced his country's appreciation of King Hussein's endeavours in this respect, the Jordan News Agency,

Sytenko was received by the King last week before the Pakistan trip to discuss the Afghan question. On Friday Jordan expressed satisfaction with the Soviet Union's decision to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.



His Majesty King Hussein Sunday confers with Soviet envoy Mikhai Sytenko (Petra photo)

An official spokesman de- courageous step by the Soviet scribed the decision as a wise and leadership.

Cabinet reshuffles senior employees

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Sunday carried out reshuffles among government employees which included the appointment of Mu'taz Bilbeissi as Water Authority of Jordan secretary general, and Mahmoud Talhouni as Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications secretary

The Cabinet ended the appointment of Abdullah Al Jazi as Ministry of Communications secretary general and appointed him as Hijaz Railway director

Minister Zaid Rifai, also Communications Secretary appointed Ghazi Rifai as director general of the Post and Postal Saving Corporation and Mobammad Khair Mamser as Ministry of April I. Youth secretary general and Mobammad Ahu Tayyeh as Pubhe Transport Corporation direc-

Ibrahim Mahadin, the present director general of the Public Transport Corporation was

General Mansour Ihn Tarif was put on partial retirement. The reshuffles are effective

The Cabinet had earlier

approved new regulations govtor general and Haidar Mahmoud erning the affiliation of ministries as consultant at the Prime with government departments and public institutions. It endorsed the kidney fund budget. the health insurance fund budget and an amended law to the Ministry of Information law as a result eneral. placed on the government's Re-The Cabinet, headed by Prime placed on the government's Re-tirement Fund while Ministry of ment of Press and Publications. of the abolishment of the Depart-

policy not to deal with the PLO.

U.S. State Department spokes-

man Charles Redman said the

Palestinians had conveyed no

message from Arafat and had not

The U.S. peace plan calls for

described themselves as PLO rep-

Iran, Iraq step up missile duel; fighting intensifies in northeast

that it should attend any interna-

tional Middle East peace confer-

He said Palestinians wanted to

terntones and sought recognition

to real peace.

newspaper.

end Israel's occupation of Arab resentatives.

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — The ers. He reiterated a PLO demand Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Sunday welcomed tional Middle East peace confertalks between U.S. Secretary of ence on an equal footing with all State George Shultz and two other parties. Palestinian leaders in Washington.

important political step because it was hetween Sbultz and two members of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the highest legislative body in the PLO," said Bassam Abu Sberif, an advisor to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Palestinian-Americans Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughud met Sbultz Saturday and said they had told him the PLO was the legitimate representative of the Palestinians and any peace settlement must provide for Palestinian

The State Department said Saturday Shultz would return to the Middle East next Sunday in a fresh bid to win acceptance for U.S. peace proposals for the re-

Abu Sherif told Reuters that Arafat had authorised Said and Abu Lughud to meet Shultz and they had reported on their talks to the PLO chairman. He said their report was now

being studied by Palestinian lead-

independence.

interim Palestinian "self-rule" in Israel opposed Shultz' meet- the occupied West Bank and ing with the two Palestinians on the grounds that it violated U.S. Israeli discussions. Vanunu sentenced to

of their right to self-determina- an international conference in

tion, which he added was the key mid-April followed by talks on

18 years in prison TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Former nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu was sentenced to 18 years in prison Sunday for spilling Israel's "atomic secrets" over the front page of a British

A three-judge court, which last week convicted Vanunu of reason and espionage, could have imposed a maximum life sentence. Twenty scientists, including 12 Nobel Prize winners. had appealed for leniency.

Vanunu, 34, worked at Israel's top-secret Dimona nuclear reactor in the Naqah desert for nine years before telling his story to London's Sunday Times in September 1986. His trial was held behind closed doors.

Prosecutor Uzi Hasson told reporters the court considered the circumstances in sentencing Vanunu to only 18 years. He did not elaborate. Life imprisonment normally means 20 years in

Vanunu's brother. 26-year-old Asher, said the family would continue insisting on the prisoner's "I feel an injustice was commit-

ted against him. The trial was not conducted legitimately. No-one was inside to see what was going on," he told reporters. Under Israeli laws, the former nuclear technician could be freed

for good behaviour as early as November 1998, at the age of 44. Defence attorney Avigdor Feldman submitted a petition signed by the 20 scientists at a brief hearing before sentence was

imposed. The court accepted the petition, and Vanunu himself briefly addressed the court. "We appeal to the Israeli court to recognise that Mordechai Vanunu is a man of conscience, deeply dismrbed by his role in a nuclear weapons programme, who first sought religious guidance and then decided to make

The 20 signatories included the 1962 Nobel Peace prize winner American Linus Pauling and American astronomer Carl

public his concerns," the petition

Arab Bank holds shareholders meeting

held its 58th general assembly meeting at the Arab Bank beadquarters in Amman under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Majid Shoman, the bank's board chairman.

ptroller of companies at the Ministry of Industry. Trade and Supply and Arah Bank shareholders from various Arab countries.

bank's halance sheet, the profit and loss account and the board

Plague of locusts threatens North African agriculture

By Rachid Khiari

GHARDAIA, Algeria — As the sun rises over this town on the edge of the desert, gradually increasing in warmth and intensity, the sky suddenly dar-kens and a shadowy eloud whirls in from the south.

Local residents and Euro-

pean tourists, snapping their souvenir photographs, stop and crane their necks upward.

A swarm of millions of small,

grasshopper-like creatures pass over the town this Saturday morning. They are migrating locusts guided by some mysterious instinct and helped by the wind on their way north to-wards Algeria's prime agricultural area.

The ravenous insects, which can gather in swarms of more than 100 hillion, threaten all of North Africa's long-term food supply with the greatest invasion in 30 years.

According to experts, the locusts have spread in the past few weeks over much of Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Libya and could devour 20 to 30 per

cent of the crops in the region. Climatic conditions have been perfect for the locusts --heat, high humidity from abundant rain and wind.

The buzzing swarm passing over Ghardaia, 350 kilometres south of Algiers, swept by in five minutes. The scene is the same all over southern Algeria.
Those who make their living from the land are forced to defend themselves, aided by their governments and a huge international effort.

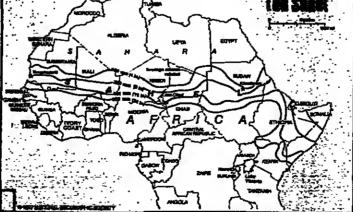
Reminders of the past

Older folks here remember the ravages of 1954-56, when similar swarms came up from the Sahel, flying over this area to the high plateau to the north, attacking vegetation and devastating a large part of the fertile plains of Algeria.

Saturday's swarm did not seem to be too hig, covering about 500 square metres, "but it can devour 60 tonnes of vegetable material each," said an agriculture expert working at the anti-locust command post in Ghardaia.

The struggle against the locusts began here at the beginning of the invasion in October, but the insects have been reinforced by new arrivals coming from Mauritania, reproducing at such a rapid pace that the emergency measures have been able only to slow the advance. Experts say the locusts ori-

ginated near the Red Sea, cros-



sed Sudan and Chad, through the Sahel countries, then began a vast northward movement. pushed along by winds and

International effort

Officials at the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) say that \$30 million has been donated so far by various countries, including the United States, Western Europe and the Soviet Union. But FAO says at least \$150 million is needed.

in Morocco, where several sonthern provinces and the Sahara territory are under siege by the insects, officials engaged

in the fight say they are facing two problems - the continued arrival of new swarms from neighbouring countries and the batching of eggs laid during the

last three months of 1987. About 40 aircraft and 300 vehicles are being used in Morocco's anti-locust fight, several donated by the United States, France, West Germany and Italy. Morocco also has received supplies of pesticides from Portugal and Saudi

Similar efforts are under way in Tunisia, where 21 aircraft have been mobilised and 50,000 hectares already have been treated. Swarms of locusts have

been sighted as close as 150 kilometres south of Tunis. Health hazard

In a related problem, there have been at least 60 reported cases in the past week of people falling ill in affected areas of Tunisia, but officials said it was not known whether they were stricken by the spraying or from eating sprayed locusts. The Tunisian Agriculture

Ministry has been attempting, through the media, to warn people against eating locusts, considered by some people to be a delicacy.

"Cases of illness are due to the non-respect of warnings ab-ont eating locusts," said one ministry official.

Enormous task

According to experts bere, 300,000 hectares have been sprayed in Algeria, about 70 per cent of it hy air, the only practical means in a country 41/2 times the size of France. About 40 aircraft have been donated for the struggle.

The task is enormous. It also is vital because it is a matter of protecting the Algeria's "hreadbasket" to the north. But as each swarm is destroyed, other are spotted a little farther

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The meeting was attended by Mr. Radi Ibrahim, com-

The meeting discussed the of director's report.

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Open university opens the shutters

Sana Atiyeh reports on the prospects of Al Quds Open University.

AMMAN - Al Quds Open University (QOU), the first of its kind in the Arab World, has become known among the inter-national network of distance education institutions, according to Shannon Timmers, director of International Development Office of the Open Learning Agency (OLA) of British Columbia in Canada.

Timmers, who recently visited QOU with two other Canadian specialists in distance education, told the Jordan Times that as far as he observed, QOU is doing just as well as any other similar institution in the preparatory stage, and expects it to hegin operation on schedule in Oct. 88.

The development of QOU with its successes and problems are experienced by every other distance education institution: The social acceptance, credibility, legitimacy, the requirements of the systems, and the technologv. planning, developing and sup-porting of student activities." Timmers noted.

Timmers believes that though QOU might be facing some difficulties in starting their courses. "in three years from now, people will come knocking on the doors of QOU for expertise and material." he predicted.



QOU was initially aimed at Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and whose education is continuously disrupted by the authorities, but later expanded to provide higher education for people who could not enroll as full time students in the whole Arab World.

The project was initially financed by the Palestine National Fund (PNF), but according to the president of QOU, Dr. Walid Kamhawi, the university has not received any finances from the PNF in the past six months. The project is currently receiving financial aid from the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development.

A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official recently admitted that QOU is not on top of their list of priorities, adding that they believe there are other important projects and allocations of funds to he made, especially with the current Palestinian uprising. The official added, however, that this project will be. seriously reconsidered on their agenda of fund allocations.

Al Quds Open University headquarters in Amman.

QOU should be regarded as an essential element in serving students in the occupied territories. They say that education is a major part of their struggle against the Zionist occupation. and that QOU will be able to cater for those who cannot continue their higher education in conventional institutions, either because they must work to survive or because their political activities take much of their time.

More funds needed

Keith Harry, documentation officer of the International Centre for Distance Learning at the Open University in the United Kingdom, said: "QOU could use more funding because it is quite expensive for any distance education institution to start off. Only when it starts working and during a certain stage of teaching it becomes a low-cost system. Because lot is saved for not baving to provide the facilities needed in conventional on-campus universi-

Harry told the Jordan Times that the staff of QOU bas a that the staff of QOU bas a and Japan. Israel was one "tremendous amount of enthu- of the first countries in Asia that siasm, and whether they will operate on schedule or not depends on their commitment."

Harry, who is at OOU on a fact-finding mission and to offer his expertise, told the Jordan Times that the university needs to start on time. He added that it must bave its registration system in place and have the student support ready, such as tutorial services, library and centre facili-

The expert, who was on his way hack to England after his visit from the Open University in Pakistan, noted that all open universities around the world have faced problems in the beginning because of their unconventional system, "there is usually strong

oppositioo agaiost distance (UNESCO) in 1980, it was education. In the U.K. and Holland for example, it was ridiculed hy convencional institutions and educators, hecause they thought the quality of education would not he of the same standard as conventional education and thought it wouldn't work." Harry

He added that now distance education is regarded as a respectable, necessary and successful means of teaching and it can be an answer to many different problems.

Fifteen years ago, there were one million people enrolled in distance education. Today, there are 12.5 million who are receiving their education and higher education degrees through this method.
The Arah World is the only

region in the world that does not have a functioning open university. Besides countries in Europe and America and even Africa, there are major distance education institutions in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, China, Taiwan opened distance education to serve its citizens.

QOU aims and structure

OOU's main objective is not only to provide the opportunity for the largest number of Palestiwrite the courses fast if it is to nian and young Arab men and women to obtain higher education and training, but also to democratise higher education in the Arab society, according to Kamhawi. "Through distance education. OOU will make higher learning and training accessible to the less fortunate among the socially and economically dis-

advantaged groups," he said. After a feasibility study conducted for the project by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

found that only 35 per cent of those expected to apply between 1985 and 1990 to conventional universities and colleges will find places; and only 30 per cent between 1990 and 1995.

Kamhawi speculated that if financial resources and logistics were available, the university would be able to reach and teach approximately 60,000 students by

Kamhawi said that the open university will enable people to obtain their education while earning a living wherever they are, regardless of age, academic achievement or economic means. He explained that there will be regional centres to coordinate the work between the headquarters in Amman and the sub-regional and local centres. In addition, local study units will be established in cities, towns, villages, and refugee camps, if the optimum number of students is between 50 to 100, in order to maximise interaction between students and tutors, and among students themselves.

QOU will offer required courses in learning bow to learn, Arabic and English languages, computer science, introduction to statistics, methods of scientific research. Palestine and the Palestinian problem, living with technology, buman civilisation and its achievements, the Arab Islamic civilisation, and contemporary challenges in the Arab

The open university will also offer courses leading to specific degrees in technology and applied sciences, including electronic and mechanical engineering aod informatics. Other degree programmes include home and family development, land and rural development, management and entrepreneurship, education and in-service teachers training.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SHOOTING ACES: His Royal Highness Prince Mobammad Saturday received a Jordan Shooting Federation team which returned home from Egypt after taking part in the first Arab shooting championship beld last week. The team won three gold medals, five silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

WOMEN IN UPRISING: Former Information Minister Laila Sharaf addressed a press conference Sunday by a special women's committee for supporting the Palestinian uprising. Sharaf stressed women's role in supporting the uprising by holding hazaars, exhibitions and football matches to raise funds.

BLOOD DONATION: Friends of the Blood Bank at the University of Jordan Sunday launched a blood donation campaign, aimed at disseminating information on advantages of blood donation, and to encourage students to donate blood to the blood bank.

PILGRIM ISSUES: Ministry of Awqaf Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi Sunday reviewed with the Pilgrimage Affairs Committee issues pertaining to transporting and accommodating Jordanian pilgrims during the 1988 pilgrimage to Mecca and stressed the ministry's interests to upgrade the standards of services rendered

BULGARIAN TOURISM: Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ailouni met in his office Suoday with a Bulgarian television crew now on a visit to Jordan to prepare a documentary on tourist and archaeological sites in Jordan to be shown hy Bulgarian Television on Jordan's Independence Day, May 25. The TV crew later met with Minister of Information Hani Khasawneh who spoke on Jordan's information policy and the situation in the Middle East.

IZMIR SEMINAR: Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan left for Turkey Sunday to take part in a two-day seminar oo planning and executing economic adaptation programmes in the Arah World organised by the World Bank. Ministers from Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Pakistan in addition to Jordan and a number of officials from the International Monetary Fund will take part in the meeting which opens today.

COUNCILS: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has decided ro form municipal committees in Balqa, Zarqa, Karak and Mafraq governorates and in Madaba district. The new municipal committees are in Karameh, Rawda and Kafrein in Balqa Governorate, Um Al Jimal in Mafraq Governorate, Al Qasr, Rakin in Karak Governorate, Um Al Suelih in Zarqa Governorate and Jarinet Al Shawahkeh in Madaba

PRINCE RA'D: Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid Sunday presided over a meeting held at Nazik Al Hariri Special Education Centre, to discuss a special law on the disabled, prepared by the Labour and Social Development Ministry.

Israeli measures fail to dent revolt

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under curfew, in an apparent attempt to punish the population for protests.

Ai Halhoul, near Hebron, Palestinians beat an Israeli bus driver and torched his vehicle, after Jewish settlers rampaged through the village firing automatic weapons and smashing windows, reports said.

Palestinian residents reported clashes after Sunday church services in Bethlehem, Ramallah, Beit Sahour and the Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jeru-

the windows of a freelance photographer's car with rubber hullets strations, the radio said. and fired tear-gas into the vehicle, witnesses quoted by Reuter

The city of 30,000 residents was also reported severe clashes in against land confiscation.

the village of Burka, nea Hebron.

An army spokeswoman said sbe had strict orders not to dis close figures for the numbers o arrests, "administrative deten-tions" without trial or new prisor

camps opened. Palestinian sources and international relief workers estimate that between 5.000 and 8.000 Palestinians are now under

Israel Radio said "many dozens" of Arabs were arrested in recent weeks on suspicion of taking part in protests.

Police also interrogated a num-Troops in Ramallah smashed ber of left-wing Jewish activists implicated in anti-Israel demon-

Israeli officials said the arrests were an attempt to forestall expected unrest on Land Day, next Wednesday, when Arabs mark declared a closed military area. the anniversary of the 1976 killing The Palestine Press Service (PPS) of six demonstrators protesting

PLO welcomes Shultz' meeting

(Continued from page 1) Darbankikhan.

Iraq blasted meanwhile U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for his recent charge that Iraq appears to have used chemical weapons in the Gulf

Foreign Ministry Understatement said the secretary fact, namely Iran's occupation of troops captured them.

an Iraqi city despite Security Council mandatory Resolution : 598 which called for a comprehensive peaceful settlement.

Hamdoon was referring to the northeastern Iraqi town of Halabia which Iran seized in a crossborder thrust last week.

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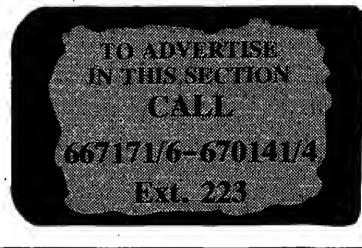
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☆ Book exhibition at the Comprehensive Commercial Centre (Tower audiding), Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle (permanent).

Art exhibition by Samia Zarour at the Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts (until end of March)

Art exhibition by Mohammad Boults and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery Truns through April 19].

⇒ First School Arts Exhibition at Ahmad Touqan School. Open during school hours until June 1988.

Chloe (runs through April 31) at Brit-isb Council.

An exhibition about French architecture at the Faculty of En-gineering, University of Jordan (until March 29).

JAZZ PERFORMANCES

★ The Kevin Eubanks Trio are visiting Jordan March 23 through March 29. The trio, a guitarist, bassist and drummer, perform an energised brand of contemporary jazz. For more details on the trio's performances, please call the American Centre.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Egyptian Book Exhibition at the rolessional Association Union.

* An art exhibition by Dlivia Paliard at Alia Art Gallery (until March 28).

☆ General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.

⇒ Exhibition for the Spanish anist Maria Dolores Travesedo at the Spanish Cultural Centre (until March 30).

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Vian at 8:00 p.m. si the French Cultural Centre (runs through March 30).

LECTURE

* "Experts for the World." by Or. Dietrich Fischer at 7:00 p.m. at the

FEATURE FILM

☆ "Prizzi's Honour" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

SERVICE CLUBS The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every secood and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Club. Meetings every Unesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

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Ceremony to inaugurate broiler chicken project

or here, Tuesday for the official inauguration of a project for the production of broiler chicken under the patromage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hasan. The project initiated in 1986 by the Arab Company for the Development of Animal Wealth (ACDAW), is currently producing 415,000 egg-laying beas, six ing 415,000 egg-laying heas, six million chicken for meat and seven million table eggs, according to Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General Salem Al

He said that when the project goes into full production a total of 13 million eggs will be hatched

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Lawzi said the project consists of eight different units one of which is used as a laboratory for conducting tests, and one contains services and administration buildings and workers residential

He said Jordan was chosen for the project in view of its central

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony location within the Arab World will be held in Azraq, porth east and due to the facilities it offers of here. Tuesday for the official for transporting the products by in the Gulf and the Mediterranean regions.

The ACDAW plans to under-take commercial, industrial and agricultural activities related to the production of poultry meat eggs, and carry out other activities related to the project.

The ACDAW has established three important poultry projects, one in Saudi Arabia, which has a capacity of six million chicken a year, the other in Qatar with a capacity of 3.2 million chicken and 26 million eggs annually, and the third in Sudan which has 2.6 million chicken and 15 million egg capacity every year.

Lawzi said despite the production many Arab countries still depend on foreign imports of chicken and eggs, and for this reason the ACDAW has decided to increase production by laun-ching this project in Jordan.

Experts call for more care in teaching Arabic

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar organised by the Jordan Academy of Arabic (JAA) on the teaching of foreign languages and their effect on Arab children. beard calls for more attention and care to be given for the teaching

One of the participants, Dr. Nasrat Abdul Rahmen, said that there was no need for Arab children to start learning a foreign language at the elementary level, for fear it would reduce the student's ability to learn the mother language on solid basis.

foreign language could be taught once the students have had a very good command of their own lan-

guage.

He urged educators and con-cerned authorities to reexamine the philosophy of teaching

another language at this stage.

Another participant was Dr.

Mohammad Awwad, who said that Yarmouk University students were suffering from poor Arabic, and that more stress should be laid on Arabic teaching at schools before the students reach the university level.

Seminar debates specifications in various Arab countries

AMMAN (Petra and J.T.) - A five-day seminar on developing the activities of standardisation and metrology departments in the Arab World opened in Amman

The participants will discuss working papers on standards and specifications in various Arab countries and means of removing obstacles impeding them.

Addressing the opening session was Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabbaa, who said that his ministry was undernational efforts in support of standardisation and metrology for the sake of promoting nation-

"Unifying standards and specifications should be the task of all commercial, industrial and scien- dustries.

tific institutions in the country, which, ought to take part in the pan-Arah efforts for laying down unified specifications and standards for the Arab World," Tab-

The seminar which was orgawised by the Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM) is being attended by specialists from Arab and foreign countries.

AOSM Secretary General Mahdi Hannoush, who addressed the meeting, underlined the importance of unified standards for vast growth and fast developing industry and technology in developed nations make it incumbent on the Arabs to undertake measures to unify their specifications and measures for their in-



Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Handi Tabbaa Sunday opens Seminar on activities of Arab World Standardisation and Metrology departments (Petra photo)

Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday meets with 27 American professors currently on a visit to Jordan

Queen meets group of U.S. professors

AMMAN (Petra and J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor met at Basman Palace Sunday with a group of 27 professors from the Joseph Malone Faculty who are taking part in a programme on Arab and Islamic studies in Jordan, Egypt. Tunisia and North

The Queen and the visitors reviewed bilateral cooperation in cultural, historical and scientific fields between Jordanian and American universities, with both sides stressing the importance of visits by academicians from both

countries as a means to enhance cooperation.

The professors, who represent universities in Alabama and Ohio, are here in the course of a programme organised by the Council on U.S.-Arab Relations which was established in 1984.

The programme provides American educators with an opportunity to visit the Arab World, and gain first-hand insight into the region and its people and later to relay and integrate this experience in their academic and professional programmes.

countries participants receive instruction in Arab culture and history, contemporary Arab soci-

ety. Arabic language and Islam. They attend lectures and briefings by government officials and specialists, meet with academic counterparts at bost universities, and visit the country's bistorical and cultural sites.

The visit to Jordan was planned in coordination with the Arab Cultural Association, the University of Jordan and Yarmouk

NAF distributes JD 67,000 for 300 families

AJLOUN (Petra) - The Nation-67,000 to 300 needy families in Ajloun district, in urgent and regular financial aid, according to the office Director Ihrahim

He said this year the office has al Aid Fund (NAF) office in allocated JD 25,000 to be paid to Ajloun last year distributed JD needy families in regular monthly needy families in regular monthly

> Rababa said that the office set Ailoun district last January to cost of JD 25.140.

belp the office define the needy families and distribute allocations

This year Rababa said the NAF office in A loun plans to carry out three projects for rebabilitating up a national committee from handicapped persons at the total

The agreement was signed by

University President Mohammad

Hamdan and British Council

Representative in Amman David

University to get British Council assistance

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University and the British Council in Amman have signed a document providing for technical assistance to the university from the British Council, financed by the European Community.

Under the agreement a progamme of visits by teachers from

By Jean-Claude Elias

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The great American guitarist, Kevin Eubanks and his

trio started off a series of concerts

in Jordan by playing at the Amra Hotel, in Amman Saturday,

March 26, before a crowded audi-

ence. Another similar perform-

ance was due Sunday March 27 at

the Amra Hotel and a third one is

scheduled for Monday, March 28,

at the Jordan Intercontinental

Eubanks belongs to the genera-tion of young guitarists who can

display an amazing level of tech-

nical virtuosity. He is currently

one of the guitar "stars" in the

United States, and his name has

been connected to giants like

George Benson and other jazz musicians. His alhum "Sund-

Hotel at 8:00 p.m.

U.S. jazz trio renders

brilliant performance

and Belgian universities will be establishment of faculty of scienlaunched and joint research will be carried out, according to Dr. Mohammad Abu Saleh, dean ol Yarmouk University's Department of Sciences.

The programme also allows technicians from the European Community to visit Yarmouk Yarmouk University and British University and help with the

French magazine Compact as a

Amra Hotel, though surprisingly short, confirmed Kevin Eubanks

as a guitar master. However, and

as the sun should not prevent us

from seeing other stars in the sky.

tribute must also be paid to the

drummer and the hass guitarist

playing with Eubanks who were

absolutely brilliant. The band

played beautiful, clean, modern

jazz, chaining one number to the

other but without introducing any

Kevin Euhanks played at a

relatively low volume, using a

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guitar the sound of string instru-

of them to the audience.

The first performance at the

reference work.

Germany to honour Palestinian

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women martyrs ance" has been listed by the

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony for honouring women taking part in the current uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will be held here Mooday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

The Queen will honour at least 23 Palestinian women martyrs who fell in confrontation with the Israeli occupation troops and three Palestinian women serving sentences for resistance activities inside the occupied territories.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development is organising the event at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City in cooperation with the Amman Club for Business and Professional Women.

Sunday. He said the fund started lend- construction of, a projected home ing operations in 1983 has at least is to be carried ont with the help 7,500 subscribers from the East of the fund's loan, Daba'i ex-Bank and 1,000 from the West plained.

AMMAN (Petra) - A special fund set up in 1980 to

help finance housing projects for Ministry of Educa-

tion officials and teachers in government schools,

has so far granted 525 employees loans totalling JD 6

million, the fund's Director Hamdan Al Daba'i said

granted to a subscriber, they can subscriptions for at least one year before being entitled to obtain pay back in monthly instalments Each subscriber pays JD 10 plus five per cent of his or ber total salary every month for at least one year, before applying exceeding 20 years.

ready made home or flat, Daba'i For subscribers to obtain such a loan, they should have been paying regular subscriptions, must not have their own bomes, and must submit documents pro-

He said that once loans are

Fund grants JD 6m

loans to 525 teachers

without interest, for a period not Daba'i said that the fund was t up upon directives from His Majesty King Hussein who, in a speecb on Teachers Day in 1975,

announced that teachers would

be helped to own their homes through government assistance. The King said that plots of land were to be assigned for teachers' housing estates in various areas where teachers can establish their own homes on both banks of the draws its sources from subscriptions, loans with government guarantees, contribuoons and the

fund's investments. He said subscription to the fund is not compulsory and once an employee's job is terminated through resignation or dismissal subscription automatically comes to an end.

The fund's management has laid down rules by which a loan can be extended to a beneficiary, and priority is given to subscribers with the longest service with the ministry, depending on the fund's resources and available amounts of money collected from subscribers. Daha'i noted.

He said in case a man and his wife happen to be both ministry employees their application will be treated as one and given a loan to build their home.

Daba'i appealed to employees to take time before applying for loans since available funds are limited now, but he said the door is still opeo for all who wish to

Khasawneh receives U.N. delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - A 10member United Nations factfinding mission, now on a visit to Jordan, met Sunday with Minister of Information Hani Al Khasawneh and discussed the Palestine issue and other aspects of the Middle East problem.

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Khasawneh hriefed the delegation on Jordan's firm policies with regard to the Middle East question and the establishment of

He also answered questions about Jordanian-Palestinian relations, the current Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the latest U.S. peace proposals.

The delegation members who

arrived here Thursday met Saturday with the ministers of occupied territories affairs and labour and social development to discuss the situation in the occupied Arah territories.

Later Sunday the delegation members were received by Chairman of the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs Akram Zuaiter, who reviewed with them the Israeli violations of human rights and the oppressive measures against Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories.

Zuaiter called on the delegation to convey their findings to the whole world.



Minister of Information Hani Al Khasawneh receives the United Nations fact-finding mission in Amman Sunday (Petra photo)

The committee's Secretary Geoeral Fayez Jaber hriefed the delegation on the Israeli terrorism and the Israeli encroachments of the holy places.

Jaber also submitted to them a list of 394 cities and villages in Palestine which the Israelis have demolished, and also presented a document showing the Israeli measures to Judaise Jerusalem and ohliterate its Arab and Muslim

were Lower House Deputy for under Israeli occupation.

Jerusalem constituency Fuad Farraj and Chairman of the Islamic Organisations Council Kamel Al Sharif, who briefed them on the Israeli oppressive measures against Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, and the tight restrictions imposed by the Israeli authorities on journalists with a view to obliterating the facts about the situation in the occupied territories. Jerusalem Committee member Archbishop Salim Al Sayegh also briefed Also receiving the delegation them on the sufferings of people

Saab 340's low exhaust pollution confirmed

A RECENT study by the Swed-ish Board of Civil Aviation (LFV) environmental specialist, Jan Westerberg, has confirmed the "good neighbour" low ex-haust pollution levels of the Saah 340. These have been proved comparable to a catalyst-equipped automobile, based on emitted grams of hydrocarbons (HC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOX) combined.

Both HC and NOX emissions are causes for concern worldwide hy governments and environmental protection agencies alike. The

former pollutant causes not only the foul smell at and around airports, hut associated contributory problems of forming smog and excess ozone. The latter has significant acidification effects and the combination of the two leads to compound problems amongst them the death of forests.

Whilst aviation generally is but a marginal contributor to overall pollution — especially forest death and acidification - LFV assessed the Saab 340 against two other airliners in daily use on Sweden's regional routes, the F-28 and the DC-9.

Not only does Mr. Westerberg favourably compare the Saab 340 in terms of exhaust cleanliness to that of a catalyst-equipped automobile, but also cites noise as an associated hazard. Here again the Saab 340s also score - to the everlasting relief of residents close to airports served by 340s in service with 27 airline and corporate users, day-in, night-out, on four continents.

Wit, dramatic scenes dominate French play

By Jean-Claude Ellas Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The French Cultural Centre of Amman (CCF) presents a play, by French writer Boris Vian, "Les Batisseurs d'Empire," at the CCF theatre, at Jabal Weibdeh, Amman, on March 28, 29 and 30, at 8:66 p.m.

The play tells the story of a family, father, mother, daughter and a maid, constantly running away from a mysterious and un-defined entity called "Schmurz." They keep moving up from one floor to another, always to a smaller apartment. At each stage one of them disappears, watil the father is alone with the Schmurz, with only one solution left for

Alternating humour and anxiety, witty and highly dramatic scenes, Vian very efficiently produces a dramatic atmosphere. The contrast between the funny and the serious parts makes the latter even more tragic. The Schmurz, the family is running away from, symbolises all the negative and dark, hlack side of the self-consciousness of the father and the mother, it keeps reminding them of their failures, in spite of all the beatings they

Though they desperately try to forget the past and make believe that everything is going fine, their daughter, Zenohie, rejects all their attempts and keeps a relatively clear view of the situa- is free for the CCF students.

The already fascinating subject is admirably supported by the actors. Francois Leroux is the father, Muriel Musallam the mother, Sylivie Leroux the daughter, Gaynor Peridakis the maid, Jean-Francois Dobelle a neighbour and last hut not least, Denis Gaillard is the Schmurz. Gaillard is also athe director

and producer of the play, while Olivier Metillod and Jean-Michel. Coste worked on the set decoration and on the sound and lights Leroux, Peridakis and Gaillard

have already a sound stage ex-perience. The others are newcomers to the theatre world. All of them deliver a more than convincing performance.

Only a few minutes after the beginning of the play the audi-ence is kept on high tension and contrary to what is apparently expected, the andience is kept in a "thriller" atmosphere. But un-like most thrillers who are easily forgotten once out of the theatre, "Les Batisseurs d'Empire" will keep you thinking of it for some

This play is the fifth in a series which was initiated three years ago by Philippe Le Gal at the CCF, definitely one of the most active and dynamic cultural centres in Jordan, and which seems to always draw a wide audience. The tradition is expect to be

continued in the years to come. Tickets are JD 1 and admission



The father before his disappearance (Photo by Aline Talatinian)

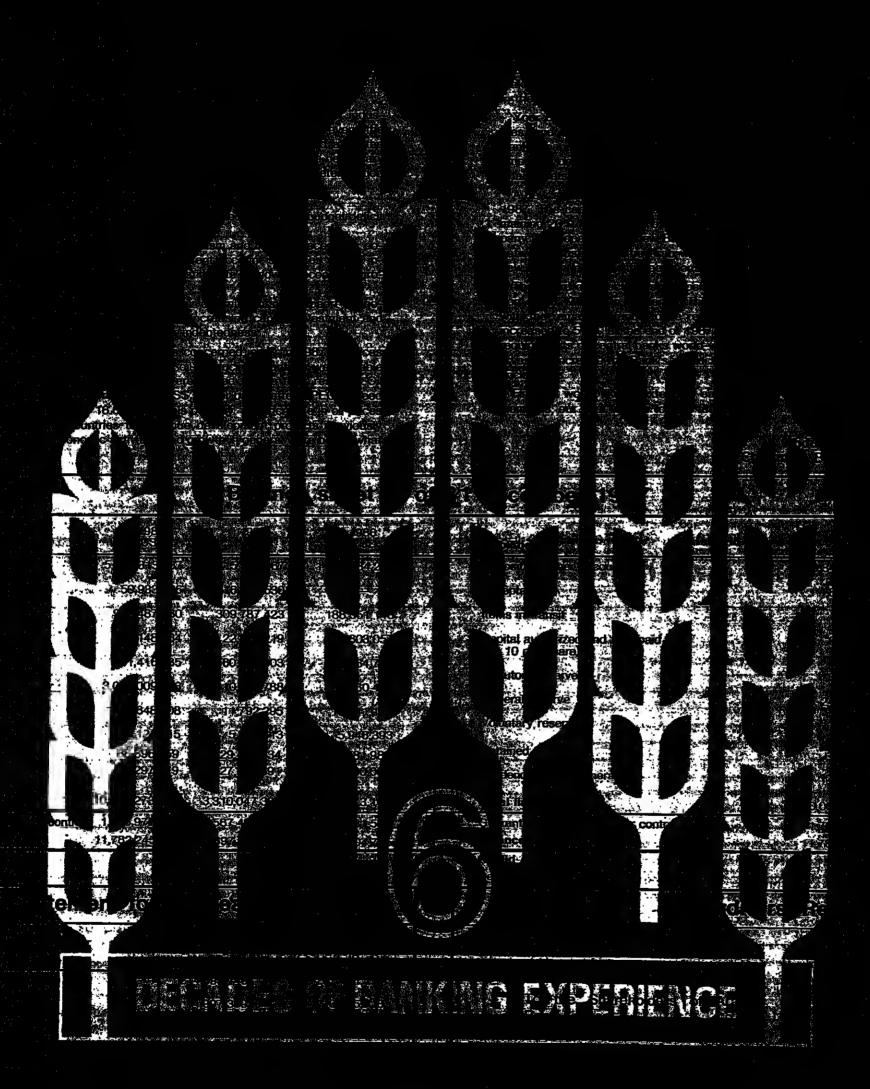


The neighbour's visit (Photo by Aline Talatinian)



QUIZ NIGHT: British Airways Manager Eric Burdon preser giant size cheque (courtesy of Grindlays Bank) for JD 2,034 to Her Royal Highness Princess Majda for the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped. Everybody "had a wonderful time," that was the overwhelming response from all those who attended the British Airways' first Quiz Night last Thursday at the Marriott Hotel. Participants quickly entered into the spirit of the event which was held to raise money for the Al Hussein Society. Between answering challenging questions put to them by English comedian Peter Jones, there was a continuous stream of door prizes and 5 major raffles. With a short break for supper, the evening came to climax with Mr. Abdullah Kafeina becoming "Genius Of The Year" for the top prize of a fantastic holiday to the Land of Disney for

two, travelling First Class with British Airways and staying at the Marriott World Centre with an added stopover in London, the value of which exceeded JD 3,800.00. The runner-up was Hussein Dabbas who received 2 Clib World tickets to London with a stay at the London Marriott, and third was Marwan Salfiti. "It was even better than we had planned," said Burdon, "and my sincere gratitude must than we had planned," said burdon, "and my succest granting must go to all the people who contributed so generously including Marriott Hotels, Spinneys, Jordan Jewellery Co., Jordan Marketing and Naim Al Far & Co." Prizes for the top tables of the night were; Easter weekend in London, a weekend trip to Cairo (both for 10 people travelling BA and staying at Marriott Hotels) and dinner for 10 at the Marriott Al Walima Restaurant. No-one left empty handed as "Goodie Bags" were handed out to all as they left.



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In search for a real identity

HER Majesty Queen Noor's recent visit to the Royal Scientific Society's Building Research Centre and the review of the project to compile a Manual of Jordan's Architectural Heritage highlight an area of concern in Jordan which deserves greater attention from both the private and public sectors. One might ask why we raise the issue of old buildings at a time when we are faced with pressing issues of national development and political struggle. We do so because we feel there is a clear and relevant link between our aspirations in the political and socio-economic fields and our identity as individuals, communi-

Architecture, along with language and religion, is one of the most visible and durable manifestations of social dynamics and cultural identity. Buildings and neighbourhoods reflect patterns of socio-economic organisation and legacies of cultural identity. They are a physical link between people and land, and they can embody ideas and traditions that are passed on from one generation to the next. Jordan is an ancient land, the product of civilisations that have clashed and cooperated with one another for at least the past 5,000 years.

While political entities in the Middle East have emerged and fuded for most of those millennia, the grassroots culture and identity of the people of the area - including ourselves in Jordan - have remained durable and distinct. Buildings that date from the past are vital but threatened components of our collective cultural history, and it would be naive to think that we can ignore what history has bequeathed us as we feverishly erect new structures of assorted aesthetic and physical quality. One of the problems of conserving historic buildings in Jordan is the lack of focus by private and public groups, as many of the turn-of-the century buildings of Jordan do not fall under the aegis of the Department of Antiquities or any other government agency, and there are no private societies specifically addressing the issue in a sustained manner. Therefore, Queen Noor's call for a new law to protect and revitalise our historic buildings strikes us as both timely and important, and we hope the government would find the time and the concern to respond to the challenge in an effective manner. For if we are not fortified by a strong vision of where we came from, we are unlikely to formulate a coherent strategy for where we are going to in the future.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ka 1: Shultz is coming

IT has been officially approunced in Washington that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will return to the Middle East area again on April 3, an announcement which received a reserved response by Damascus. Syria believes like all the Arab countries that as long as there was no change in America's policies. Washington can play no meaningful role in this region. The announcement has naturally raised a number of questions since Shultz's initiative, advocated during his previous tours, has been rehuffed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir who is bent on opposing the Arab World's call for a comprehensive and lasting settlement through an international conference. The Arabs who adhere to their stand have been supported by the Islamic nations at their foreign ministers meeting last week in Amman, and have been hacked for their call for an international conference by Europe and most countries of the world. This constructive Arah stand conflicts with Israel's policies which call for partial solutions and unilateral treaties. We are surprised to see Shultz coming back unless he has something else up his sleeve. Some of us, indeed, believe that his tour could be aimed to undermine an Arah summit meeting due to be held in Algiers to find means for supporting the Palestinian people's uprising against Israeli rule. The tour could he a ploy to show that Israel is still approaching the path of peace, and the U.S. is here to make things move ahead.

Al Dustour: Rallying Arabs, Muslims

KING Hussein's visits to Pakistan and Oman were within the framework of Jordan's diplomatic moves to rally more support for the Arab Nation and to boister relations among Arabs and Muslims in the face of the common challenges. This stage requires unity of ranks among the Arah and Islamic countries so that they can have a real weight worldwide, and exercise their pressure wherever their national interests are concerned. The King's talks with the Pakistani and Omani leaders came as the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab land maintain their oprising against Israel's oppression and against the campaigns of terror and murder by Israeli troops. The Palestinians are in dire need of Arab and Islamic support and financial and moral backing for their cause to enable them to maintain their struggle for freedom. At the same time, the lean-Iraq war is now entering a new ferocious phase requiring intensified Arab and Islamic efforts at all levels to bring the conflict to an end. Perhaps the positive outcome of the Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Amman can play as a catalyst, enabling Jordan and the rest of the Islamic countries to bolster their endeavours to end the conflict in the Gulf. By the end of last year, Jordan's diplomatic efforts yielded solidarity among Arabs whose leaders convened their summit meeting in Amman. Let us hope that Jordan's fresh efforts will help find solutions for pressing questions and problems facing the Arah and Islamic world.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan maintains the drive

JORDAN realised another success with the conclusion of an Islamic conference that achieved fruitful results and strengthened unity among Muslims. Jordan which hosted the Arab summit meeting in Amman last November was also successful in bringing the Arab leaders to an agreement and consensus on urgent and pressing issues. King Hussein, in his speech to the Islamic foreign ministers meeting last week underlined the need for continued efforts to end all disputes among Muslims, and to pave the way for a unified and collective Islamic action. He urged the ministers to make it their task to pool the efforts of their countries to end the Gulf war and to close the doors in the face of all greedy nations and those trying to tamper with the stability and security of the Islamic region and the Islamic rights and interests. To achieve this goal, adherence to basic and firm principles, and flexibility in action are required. The King voiced the Arab World's desire to reach peace in the Middle East based on a total Israeli withdrawai from Arab lands and through an international conference, and be has demanded an end to the Gulf war in implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

Are we heading towards a hot summer?

By Waleed Sadi

THE Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip could turn into a nightmare for the Israeli military strategist should the showdown between the populace of the occupied Arab territories and the Israeli occupying forces assume an armed conflict. This scenario is a real one inspite of the apparent respite in the uprising in view of what some observers term as a "fatigue" among the Palestinians who have been waging their "controlled" struggle for over four months. I believe it would be more sane and wise to construe any ensuing slowness or tapering off in the magnitude and scale of the Palestinian revolt as a mere prelude to the real storm which is clearly in the offing. With the Shultz peace plan in deep freeze pending the receipt of the replies of the parties concerned. time is fast ticking away and approaching the election dates for the U.S. and Israeli elections. The fast evaporating modicum of faith in the ability of the U.S. to animate its peace plan would surely reignite and reactivate the motivation and forces that lie behind the Palestinian uprising soon enough and make it resurface with ever more vigour and determination. Should this happen as expected, it would mean that a greater number of Israeli troops would become more pinned down by the escalating Palestinian revolt. And since it is no longer far-fetched to speculate that such an escalation could assume a bloodier manifestations, the tsraeli armed forces could all of a sudden find themselves bogged down in a quagmire from which they may not be able to extricate themselves with impunity without raising the overall military risk factor for its strategic posture. Is it net tempting for Arab armies to contemplate launching a wellcoordinated blitzkrieg with a view to liberate their occupied

territories when the tsraeli army becomes ever more tied up in a continuous civil strife or an internal armed conflict?

The fact that Israel's military edge over the surrounding Arab armies is fast eroding would surely highten the risk of a new conflagration engulfing most of the Middle East region. There is already a quantitative military balance between the Arab armies directly concerned with the Arab-Israeli conflict and the time factor is working in favour of attaining a qualitative balance between them as well. It is true Israel enjoys a nuclear monopoly and may reson to the deployment of its nuclear arsenal should its very existence becomes threatened, but it is very doubtful that the Israeli military strategist envisage the use of nuclear weapons if the Arab military objective is limited to the liberation of the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war.

One also has to reckon with the implications of the epoch of rocketry and missiles which has dawned on the Middle East region. With an increasing number of Arab countries possessing medium range missiles capable of reaching all tsraeli targets, the devastating effect of such an added muscle in the Arab arsenal could raise the stakes for Israel should worse come to worst. The invincibility of Israet is fast becoming shattered by the introduction of new classes of weaponry in the region at an unprecedented rate. All such developments should, one would hope, lead the Israeli leaders to the conclusion that Israel's ultimate security and survival does not lie in military might. Rather, its national security and existence emanate from arriving at an honourable and just peace agreement with the Arah parties at the soonest possible time.

Yet visionary leadership in Israel is in shon supply at a time and juncture in history when such leadership is most urgently needed. The cripling divisiveness in the Israeli body politic is also rendering the sailing of Israeli decision-making process almost rudderless and aimless. Even the formulation of an Israeli reply to the Shultz peace initiative appears to be more geared to national elections in Israel than to the merits or demerits of the said initiative. There are grounds to substantiate the proposition that both Likud and Labour are playing local politics with the U.S. plan and each party is attempting to capitalise on the peace process or the lack of it to satisfy their respective lust for power and control. How else can one explain the absence of real substantive differences between the two principal tsraeli political parties on the terms and conditions of any acceptable peace agreement with the concerned Arab parties. Clearly it has not escaped the Arah mind that Israel is impatiently waiting for and anneipating a flat Arab rejection of the Shultz peace formula in order to pass the blame for its demise on the traditional and customary source of rejection. Israel is masterful in cashing in on Arab rejections even when they are leginmate.

Meanwhile the military landscape in the Middle East spells danger for all sides. It will therefore be foolhardy to interprer any respite in the Palesninian insurrection as a prelude to restoration of tranquility and viable status quo in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It will also be shon sighted not to view the continuation of tension in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an enticing invitation for a greater conflagration that could engulf the whole region.

Short of options?

By William Pfaff

PARIS -- One could say of Israel and the Palestinians what Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Irish Writer and politician, has said of South

• To maintain the status quo is impossible;

Reforms acceptable to both sides are impossible;
 And revolution is impossible.

Starting with that, what is the

point of the Shultz peace plan? The United States cannot deliver peace and Arah agreement to Israel, nor can it deliver Israel and peace to the Palestinians. Only Israel, the Arab governments and the Palestinians, in and out of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, can make peace. The United States has substantial power tn press all

three toward political negotiations and a settlement, but this power has limits, Moreover, divisions within the Palestinian and Arah camps are no less deep and cruel than those inside Israeli society. Even a settlement that obtained general

approval from the Arah principals could be destroyed by the minority or factions that opposed it. One reason Israelis fear a settlement is that they find it hard

to believe they could trust it. If statesmanship and generosity were better known among Israelis and Palestinians, and supporters of each, one could hope for something better. There is little sign of either. One sees fear, stubbornness, hysterical hatred, political self-interest — the fanatical heart.

Yet besides the Shultz plan, there is nothing. The sole visible alternative is an intolerable status quo. The Israeli right would not, of course, accept that this is true.



option, It holds that Israel could expel the Palestinians while expanding the borders of an alllewish Israel, and thereby become secure.

It also appears to believe that it could do this without losing America's economic subsidy of Israel. It assumes that Israel can safely defy majority American opinion, which clearly is behind the Shultz plan and which favours a generous solution to the Palestinian problem.

It presumes that the American Jewish community will give unqualified support to Israel no matter what Israel's policies, and that American Jews can and will persuade Congress and the U.S. government to do the same. Both assumptions are very likely mistaken. There is an element of moral hlackmail in this position that could produce a hacklash.

This U.S.-Israeli disagreement over the Shultz plan, and behind it the disagreement over Israel's annexation of the occupied territories, suggest that a fundamental change is approaching in the warm yet peculiar relationship that has existed between the two countries for 40 years. The alliance reached its peak during

America suppotted Israel's invasion of Lebanon, and the Israeli economy was virtually annexed to America's.

Lebanese adventures went badly for Israel and the United States; and the Pollard spy case and Israel's involvement in the Iran-contra scandal affected both American official and popular attitudes toward Israel.

Under Reagan, and the Begin and Shamir governments in Israel, a change had developed in the political alignments and quality of the U.S.-Israeli relationship. Its dynamic became that of an alliance of American conservatives, possessing an activist anticommunist and anti-radical policy agenda, with expansionists.

The old alliance, lasting from 1948 through the 1970s, had at first associated American liberals with a liberal (indeed socialist) Israel, a relationship criticised by American conservatives hut which subsequently was confirmed by widening American sympathy for a heleaguered democracy understood to want only to be left in peace by its Arab neighbours.

The change in the quality of the alliance in the 1980s reflected

changes in the nature of the two societies themselves, as well as an altered international situation, notably the rise of terrorism. It became an active partnership to suppress terrorism and Arah radicalism, with the Israeli intelligence services making the indispensable contribution.

Israel's conservatives found American support for their programme to eject the PLO from Lehanon and to turn Lebanon into an Israeli satellite, and they expected U.S. acquiescence in Israel's effective annexation of Gaza and the West Bank territories occupied in the 1967 war.

No one said much about this change in the alliance as it took place. Yet it was an important change, making the relationship much more partisan and politically divisive - potentially much more controversial. American public opinion had easily ratified the original alliance, which guaranteed that Israel would survive and prosper. Today's crisis between the two countries follows from the fact that Americans are belatedly being asked, but refusing, to ratify the new alliance, which says that Israel will expand — International

Charges against young Nasser evoke memories of his father

By Nejla Sammakia The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Memories of Gamal Abdul Nasser, once adored by Egyptians, then widely criticised after his death, are being revived by a legal hattle

facing his son. Khaled Abdul Nasser is charged with anti-American and

anti-Israeli terrorism. Should he choose to end his self-imposed exile in Yugoslavia and face trial, as he indicates he will, Khaled's suppoters could be many. They are likely to include even his father's worst enemies, the fundamentalist Muslim

Brotherhood. No date for the trial has been

"We sympathise with Nasser's son, even if we don't like Nasser," said Mohammad Abdul Qudoos, a Brotherhood member and prominent journalist. "If Khaled is shown to be anti-Zionist and anti-American, even those whose didn't like Nasser will support him. The Israelis are killing Palestinians. We can't try him.

The 38-year-old Khaled and 19 co-defendants, allegedly comprising a group known as "Egypt's Revolution," were charged Feb. 18 in connection with four street shootings between 1984 and 1987 that killed two Israeli emhassy employees, wounded six Israelis and wounded two American diplomats. Nasser and 10 others could be hanged if convicted.

Israel and the United States were the principal antagonists of his father, republican Egypt's first president from 1956 until he died in September 1970. Nasser's popularity at home was so strong at the time of his death that hundreds of thousands of mourners poured into the streets to follow his coffin, sweeping it off its borse-drawn gun carriage and passing it hand-to-hand over their

Emotions with Khaled

"It's said that if something is done to the son of Gamal Ahdul Nasser, the people will revolt," said Khaled Mohieddin, a partner of Gamal Abdul Nasser in the Revolutionary Command Council that overturned Egypt's monarcby in 1952.

"The emotions of the Egyptian people are with the son of Nasser. He is killing Israelis. They feel this is not a crime that a son of Nasser should be tried for," said Mohieddin, who used to be called 'the red major' because of his pro-Soviet leanings.

He heads the opposition National Unionist Progressive Party, an umbrella of Marxists and Socialists, and says diebard Nasserites make up 40 per cent of his party membership.

Nasser's pan-Arab ideas won him a continuing following out-side Egypt. But Egyptians who honour his memory do so mainly because of his social and economic reforms and his ultranationalism, which often manifested itself through defiance of

Added to Nasser's own enduring image is another factor that appears to favour Khaled growing resentment in Egypt over Israel's suppression of the Palestinian uprising in the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Government-owned national newspapers regularly attack Israel's actions, and opposition papers have demanded a freeze

Muslim Brotherhood member Abdul Qudoos said members of

1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace

the group are ready to brush aside their hatred of President Nasser to support Khaled. After Nasser's death, many Egyptians reacted against his harsh and repressive domestic policies.

"If the Nasserites try to exploit the name of Nasser, the case will lose popularity among the religious groups." Abdul Qudoos warned

Formed in 1928, the Brotherhood espouses a renaissance of Islamic values. Initially supportive of Nasser's 1952 revolution, the Brotherhood gradually eased away from Nasser until, in 1954, it was accused of trying to kill him. This triggered a massive crackdown in which thousands were jailed, six leaders tried and hanged and the organisation banned.

Subsequent administrations left the ban in place. Now, however, the Brotherhood has achieved such respectability that members ran for parliament in elections last April, wi out 35 seats, in a tactical alliance with two legal, secular parties.

Al Shaah, the weekly paper of one of the parties, the left-ofcentre Labour Party, said of the charges against Khaled Nasser: "What Egypt's Revolution has done... is a form of self-defence and defence of the nation. The group had no other motivation than to chase Zionists and American intelligence men out of

The centrist Wafd Party, born under the monarchy and generally anti-Nasser and pro-American. recently highlighted in its daily Al Wafd an interview with Mahmoud Noureddin, a co-defendant alleged to have been a trigger man in the attacks.

We resoned to bullets to halt the advance of spies on Egypt, he was quoted as saying.

Beside Noureddin's picture was a statement by President Hosni Muharak that Khaled's alleged involvement in the conspiracy "will not affect the name and history of the leader Gamal Abdul Nasser, whom Egypt respects and loves."

Nasser lives on in some of the Socialist reforms he introduced. Although his successor, Anwar Sadat, and Mubarak effectively reversed many of Nasser's policies, they had to leave some of the reforms in place.
Nasser's portrait adorns Cairo

walls annually around the time of his Sept. 28 death anniversary, commemorated by official visits to his mausoleum in the courtyard of Nasser mosque. Recordings of his characteristic voice and speech delivery occasionally ring out in taxicabs.

But schools have stopped teaching the charter, a compilation of the revolution's aims and reforms and a pre-high school must in the 1960s and early 1970s.

"Nasser sparked off all liberation movements in the area," said Moussa Sabry, an editor and former board chairman at the staterun daily Al Akhbar and once close to Sadat. "He established social justice that changed the map of society. His leadership was within the country, for the

Nevertheless, Sabry said he doesn't think a court conviction would make the son of Egypt's first president a local hero.

"I personally feel it would be very ordinary," Sabry said. "He committed a crime, and the law is of relations established under the applied to him like to any other

Washington 'think tank' envisions Mideast without physical barriers

The following article is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The

Jerusalem Post.

By Wolf Blitzer

WASHINGTON — A hipartisan panel of influential Middle East specialists, including several former U.S. officials, has called for creative new thinking in trying to resolve the Arab-Israeli confict.

'We envision a future in which borders would not be physical harriers," the new Brookings Institution study says. "Citizens of one political entity could live safely, and with recognised rights, elsewhere in the region; and economic transactions and movement of individuals would be subject to few restrictions."

The study, entitled "Toward Arab-Israeli Peace: Report of a Study Group," suggests that a "regional economic plan with international support should complement such a political settlement and help to ensure its

In late 1975, the Brookings Institution, a Washington "think tank," released its first study on the Arab-Israeli conflict. tt called on Israel to withdraw to the pre-1967 lines "with only such modifications as are mutually accepted." It also recognised Palestinian "self-determination, subject to Palestinian acceptance of the sovereignty and integrity of Israel within agreed boundaries.' Because several members of that panel later emerged as key foreign policy officials in the Car-

ter administration, it was widely seen as having had a significant

influence on the shaping of U.S.

For nearly a year, a new group of American specialists, representing a relatively wide range of opinion, bas met in Washington to draft this second report, which organisers bope could serve as a useful guide to the next U.S.

administration. The report, which is seen as heing considerably less controversial than its predecessor, rejects any imposed settlement. We want to emphasise that details of an Arab-Israeli peace settlement should not be dictated by the U.S. or any other outside

Coordinating the effort was William Quandt, a senior fellow at Brookings who served as a Middle East staffer on the National Security Council under Carter. Quandt was also a member of the original Brookings

The co-chairmen of the new report were former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis and former U.S. Amhassador to Egypt, Hermann Eilts. Other members of the group included former U.S. officials Alfred Atherton, Harold Saunders and Robert Neumann. Also signing the report was former U.S. senator Charles Mathias of Maryland. There were both American

Arabs as well as American jews

involved in the study. This report is intended to enrich the discussion of bow the U.S. can best promote Arab-Israeli peace negotiations," said Brookings President Bruce Mac-Laury. It does not offer a hlueprint, It does suggest how to get the negotiating process under way and puts forward principles that should inform the efforts of

The group reached broad agreement in six basic areas. The following are excerpts from the

report's summary:

"t. Urgency. Arab-Israeli peacemaking should be a high priority for any American administration. Failure to break the long-standing deadlock in the peace process endangers American national interests.

2. New Realities. It will not suffice for a newly elected president simply to invoke the diplomatic formulas of the past. Previous initiatives contain some useful building blocks, but a serious policy cannot be developed simply hy stringing these formulations together. New realities in the region require new approaches and concepts.

"3. The American role. We would like to see a continuous, bigh-level commitment of American resources to the Arab-tsraeli peace process.

4. An International Framework for Negotiations. Convening an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict is the most widely supported approach to negotiations. On the controversial issue of Palestinian participation, we have concluded that Palestinians should be represented in any negotiations with Israel by spokesmen of their own choosing, whether in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation or in some other configuration. The U.S. should bave no objection to the participation of Palestinians who are on record as being prepared to coexist with the state of Israel, are committed to peace negociations, can contribute to that objective, and re"5. Basic Principles for Arab-

Israeli Peace. We believe the U.S. should formulate a strategy for promoting Arab-Israeli peace based on the following points: □ In order to achieve hroad Arab-Israeli peace, both Israel and the Palestinians must be directly involved. D A recognition that the area

defined as the former mandate of Palestine west of the Jordan River is home to both peoples is essential to a reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. □ Israelis and Palestinians will have to work closely with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a majority of whose citizens are Palestinians, in sbaping a peace

☐ Under international sponsorship, Israel and Syria should be encouraged to negotiate peace based on the principles of U.N. Resolution 242 "6. Transitional Steps. Within these guidelines, we believe that

agreement.

some form of transitional arrangements must be part of the next phase of Arab-Israeli peacemaking. ceasing all forms of violence: □ ending the state of belli-

gerency and economic and diplomatic boycott hetween Israel and its Arab neighbours; minimising the Israeli militry presence in populated areas

of the West Bank and Gaza; placing substantial authority in the hands of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians, especially with respect to land, water, economic activity, and poblical organisa-

tion; and □ balting new tsraeli settlements and land expropriation in the occupied territories."

exporters to reduce world glut

group's part would he quickly made up hy non-OPEC produc-

Lukman blames non-OPEC producers

in Lagos Wednesday, hlamed

non-OPEC producers for adding

to the weakness of oil prices. He

said non-OPEC producers now were pumping between 500,000

and one million extra barrels each

day into a glutted world market.

William Hermann, chief eco-nomist of U.S.-based Chevron

Corp, estimated aggregate pro-

duction for the group of seven

non-OPEC producers in 1988 will

total about 7.65 million barrels

be under consideration was a five

per cent cut in output hy the

seven, which would remove ab-

out 382,500 harrels per day from

cent decrease in output hy these

seven non-OPEC nations is a step

in the right direction." he said.

"If the non-OPEC production

cutbacks hold over time, then

OPEC members might be more

inclined to stick to their quotas."

Mehdi Varzi, an oil analyst

with Kleinwort Grieveson in Lon-

don, said another possible plan to

support prices would have both

OPEC and non-OPEC producers

trim production by about five per

for such a conference in Novem-

But Western hanks, aid agen-

cies and governments have so far

have shown no serious interest in

last week to coordinate strategy

after a special summit of the

49-member OAU last December endorsed the OAU blueprint for

It contains dozens of far-

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cial debt, 50-year repayment

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Africa accelerates bid for radical debt solution

"Fundamentally, a five per

the world oil market.

He said one plan rumoured to

per day.

Lukman, at a news conference

ers eager to increase sales.

NEW YORK (R) — Non-OPEC oil producers, which the group says are pumping more than 500,000 extra barrels a day into world markets, might be persuaded to reduce output by about five per cent if OPEC did likewise, according to U.S.

They said both the 13-nation any production cuts on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the non-OPEC producers must cut back production over a sustained period if world oil prices were to stabilise near OPEC's \$18 a harrel target price.

A group of seven non-OPEC producers — Egypt, Oman, China, Mexico, Malaysia, Angola and Colombia — are expected to announce steps soon to help boost oil prices, an Arah oil industry official told Reuters last

OPEC, meanwhile, has called a price committee meeting for the first week of April to examine weak world oil prices.

Crude prices see-sawed hy as much as \$1 a harrel last week, with West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark grade, ending firmer at \$17.03 a harrel Friday in anticipation of the OPEC price committee meeting, traders and analysts said.

They thought prices would probably remain volatile until the OPEC panel met.

British Brent crude, another benchmark, ended almost unchanged on the week at \$15.40 for April delivery. That was \$1.45

up on the beginning of March. OPEC countries are now producing at or under their selfimposed ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day, excluding Iraq. according to OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria.

Analysts say OPEC has resisted calling an emergency meet-ing of oil ministers, fearing that

NAIROBI (R) — African na-

tions are stepping up efforts to

get reluctant creditors to a round-

table conference to consider

radical action on a hurden of \$200

billion of deht which is crippling

to a halt and many of our coun-

tries are actually regressing," says

the Organisation for African Uni-

ty (OAU) in a declaration setting

ont new ideas on the debt crisis.

A ministerial committee from

12 African states, which owe

more than 70 per cent of Africa's

deht, decided last week to press

"Our economies are grinding

their economies.

barrels per day from the world oil

But analysts say non-OPEC producers are likely to resist requests for voluntary production cuts because oil is the primary source of revenue for many.

"At today's prices, I can't pic-ture non-OPEC producers wanting to lose market share," said Sarah Emerson, vice-president of U.S.-hased Energy Security Analysis Inc. "However, if the price of oil fell to \$12 or \$13, then

they might cut hack."
She said non-OPEC producers might simply announce a downward revision in future output

Non-OPEC production in the first quarter of 1988 will come to 25.51 million harrels per day, up 170,000 barrels per day from last year's levels, according to Data Resources Inc. Total world oil production averaged about 55.34 million barrels per day in 1987, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Participation of Norway, Britain and Soviet Union

William Veno, an analyst with DRI, said production cutbacks hy OPEC and the seven non-OPEC producers might be insufficient unless Norway, Britain and the Soviet Union participate. The three are not part of the sevennation group that met earlier this month in London.

But Sanford Margoshes, an oil analyst with Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc, said a cut hy even a few non-OPEC producers would be an important step in balancing world supplies and demand.

"It would send OPEC signals that greater support is being given to them. They would not have to fear that if they cut, the void would be filled by nonwould eliminate about 1.1 million OPEC production," he said.

cial loans and interest rate cuts on

should be done over 50 years with

Any reschednling of dehts

It also urges industrialised na-

tions to pursue policies that would ensure higher prices for Africa's commodity exports and

to remove protectionist trade bar-

The measures are indeed the

minimum that we feel are neces-

sary to enable our countries re-

cover and resume normal

The U.N. Economic Commis-

sion for Africa says the conti-

nent's economy, sapped hy drought, rapid population

growth, civil strife and a slump in

world prices for most of its farm

and mineral exports, grew only

forecast of 2.0-4.0 per cent and

only about half the rate of

population growth.

Lenders have taken a softer

line towards Africa in recent

months, writing off certain offi-cial deht, stretching repayment periods and mobilising funds to

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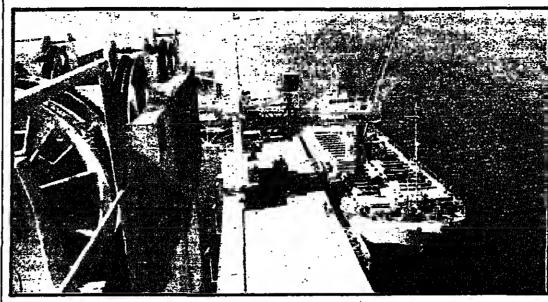
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growth," it declares.

1.5 per cent in 1987.

periods on new private and offi- boost concessionary loans.

Analysts expect non-OPEC oil | India likely to maintain high imports of Jordanian phosphate and potash



A ship at Aqaba port being loaded with Jordanian phosphate (File photo)

By P.V. Vivekanand Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — India is expected to sustain the same value of imports from Jordan in 1988 as in 1987, and any increase will depend on demand within India subject to completion of new phosphate processing plants.

The total volume of Indian purchases of Jordanian products - rock phosphate and muriate of potash — amounted to about \$80 million in 1987, according to available statistics.

New Delhi has already decided to huy the same quantity - 1.05 million tonnes of rock phosphate and 400,000 tonnes of muriate of potash - this year, but the total value may vary in line with fluctuations in international prices. Most of India's phosphate and

fertiliser plants are attuned to Jordanian phosphates and potash, including a new facility which is nearing completion. Some of the rest are suitable to process Moroccan phosphates

But their action still falls short

Its debt paper points to con-

stantly falling income per capita,

mass unemployment and poverty

which it says threatens the social

and cultural fahric of African

It also hints at near bankruptcy

in many economies. "In the

majority of our countries the

question is not that of a liquidity

deht repayment hills exceeding

Many countries already face

Without a suitable remedy, it

envisages Africa's foreign debt

will jump more than 50 per cent hy 1995 and triple to \$600 hillion by the year 2000.

By then African countries,

which now spend on average over

40 per cent of export income

repaying their debt, will need to

pour nearly three-quarters of such

hurden is depriving our econo-

mies of resources needed not only

for development but also in many

countries for the survival of our

peoples," it warns.

"The excruciating deht service

earnings into debt servicing.

v earn from exports.

crisis but of solvency."

of what the OAU proposes.

while others are compatible with East European products. "At this stage, I cannot

whether we will increase the volume of imports from Jordan this year," said A.K. Gandhi, resident manager in Amman of an office of the Indian stateowned Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC). "Evcrything depends on domestic demand... whether the new plant will depend entirely on Jordanian phosphates...

MMTC is the sole agency responsible for imports of metals and minerals into India. In turn, it seeks to increase the volume of Indian exports to the respective countries.

In fact, India is the largest mporter of Jordanian products, and has been so for many years. Reports in the Indian media indicate that on several occasions India offered to increase its imports from Jordan by almost 50 per cent provided Jordanian imports from India are raised by 20 to 30 per cent.

According to Gandhi, who set up the MMTC office in Amman six months ago, Jordan's imports from India amounted to about \$3.5 million in 1987.

"We are trying to identify specific fields where Jordan could increase its purchase of Indian products, in the public as well as private sectors," he said. This view appears to be shared

by the Jordanian government since the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company has extended its own office facilities to the MMTCesident manager.

However, the MMTC appears to have little to show in the way of increased exports to Jordan. "The difference is too wide, in the trade balance," Gandhi said. "But we are pursuing efforts."

The Indian commerce secret ary - equivalent to the undersecretary of trade in Jordan visited Jordan in 1986 and held extensive talks with senior Jordanian officials on the issue. It was agreed that Jordan would accelerate efforts to raise its reciprocal trade with India. As a result several Indian companies were given contracting projects in

According to Gandhi, there is a multitude of Indian products for Jordan to choose from. He cited tea, coffee, spices, cashew nuts, engineering and chemical products, vegetable oil, tobacco products, jute products, fish products, medicine, automobile spare parts, rice etc. as Indian products that enjoy good poten-

tial in the Jordanian market. Ironically, market sources say, many Indian products — includ-ing food stuff — are imported into the local market from Europe, mostly from Britain, where there is a large number of companies specialised in purchasing Indian products and channelling to other countries. Many products appearing in shelves in the local market hear the label "packed India" for European importers.

Gandhi said a high-level Indian trade delegation headed by the commerce secretary is expected to visit Jordan some time in late May or early June for the biannual meeting of a joint Jorda-nian-Indian committee. It is cxpected that any decision to increase India's purchase from Jordan will be announced at the end of the meeting.

"Of course we are also interested in contracting projects," Gandhi said. Among ideas considered hy the Indian government is also a long-entertained prop-osal to hold a trade fair in Jordan.

Gandhi said no specific plans were drawn up hut he expected to have a definite decision during his visit to India in April for periodical talks on MMTC activities in

During previous talks between Indian and Jordanian trade officials, the idea of setting up a fertiliser processing plant in Jor-dan with Indian expertise has been raised. It is expected that it will be discussed during the visit to Jordan of the Indian trade delegation.

India's hopes of securing projects worth over \$100 million were set back earlier this year when the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) postponed the ex-pansion of the Aqaba Thermal Power Station. According to informed sources, two Indian companies were the lowest hidders for the civil works and the supply of boiler units for the expansion

scheme. India scaled down its imports of fertiliser-related products from elsewhere in the Middle East mostly urea from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states - in 1987 hut this move did not affect its purchases from Jordan.

India indeed has the flexibility to increase its imports from Jordan but appears to 'e waiting for reciprocal n. ove rom Amman before doir 2 so.

A deal that was agreed upon in 1987 under which india was to supply 50,000 tonnes of wheat to Jordan was caned ' when India found itself faced with a severe drought which could affect Indian wheat products for some years to

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

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New airliners seen limiting Gulf Arab role in world aviation

BAHRAIN (R) — New airliners ahle to carry more people over longer distances threaten a role played by the Gulf states as an East-West staging post.

The latest Boeing 747-400S, with a range of 13,140 kilometres, will be able to fly nonstop between Europe and the Far East when they enter airline operation

next year.
The European plane-making consortium Airbus Industrie is also developing new aircraft, to enter service in 1992, which will be able to do without costly refuelling stops in the Gulf on routes between Europe and East

Aviation industry officials say many carriers which now operate flights that stop over in the Gulf, an area generously supplied with international airports, will cease or cut down on services to the

"The area as a whole will see a reduction in total capacity of services deployed to and from the Gulf," Gulf Air marketing vice president Hamed Al Medfa said.

"The market here is small and ultimately foreign carriers will yield to competitive pressure for more direct flights on the main trunk routes between Europe and the Far East," he noted.

Three major carriers — Swis-

sair, Singapore Airlines and Japan Airlines — have already announced plans to pull out of Bahrain, once a booming transit point in the region.

"Our decision was based onplans to meet commercial demand for more long-haul direct flights hetween East and West," Wong Tong Seng, Singapore's Middle East general manager, told Reuters.

Some airlines which have placed orders for new long-range aircraft say they will continue to stop in the Gulf, primarily to pick up and deliver foreign workers, mostly Asians.

Economic recession as a result of weak oil prices has, however, reduced the number of Asian

workers. "When we begin operating the new 747-400S in April 1989, they will probably overfly Bahrain, said Quantas Airways Middle

East Manager Malcolm Genge. But he said traffic hetween Australia and the Middle East was growing and if this continued "we will fly the new aircraft

through Bahrain as well." With 12 international airports in the Gulf and two more due to open in the coming decade, competition for airline business is

Duhai is the Gulf's main transit

point and its 1987 transit passenger volume of 1.75 million means it vies with Tokyo's Narita airport as the world's major stopover

Boeing Marketing Director Myron Anton told reporters here the new long-haul planes create opportunities as well as chal-lenges for Middle East air car-

Local carriers could use the new 747-400 to open long-distance routes to North America or the Far East while the smaller extended range 767-300 and-200 airliners could be operated more economically on short to medium

routes, be said. Gulf Air's Al Medfa said he believed the anticipated decline in foreign carriers serving the region would benefit local airlines hy giving them more traffic from

Cabinet grants incentives to projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cahinet has decided to consider a number of projects as developmental, allowing them to enjoy exemptions from taxes and privileges provided for by a law for encouraging investments.

Among those projects were agricultural schemes initiated by Jordanian companies on lands in the south of the country leased from the state and a company which will produce ice.

The Cabinet also decided to cancel a previous decision giving Mohammad Kurdi dairy plant and a company for producing fodder because they failed to carry out the projects within three years from the date they were given the exemptions in accordance with the agreement.



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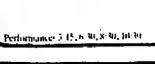
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Graf beats Evert to win Florida tennis title

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (R)

Top seed Steffi Graf kept her tration in the 48 degrees celsius (120 F.) courtside heat Secondary to win her second straight International Players Championships title with a 6-4, 6-4 win over second seed Chris

Graf, who collected \$112,500 for the victory, has not lost a set to Evert in their last six meetings. The 33-year-old Evert, who

won her first six career meetings against Graf, lost to the West German world number one in the final here last year. The powerful 18-year-old also defeated Evert in the Australian Open final in

Graf, maintained her concentration when it appeared that. Evert, ranked third in the world, was about to rally and force a

The top seed became unnerved by a questionable line call in the fifth game of the second set as she was on the verge of taking control of the match. Evert had fought off two break points in the game, which could have given Graf a 4-1

On the third dence, Evert hit a cross-court backhand winner that Graf thought was out. Evert went on to hold her serve for 2-3 and broke Graf in the next game for

The American had two break points in the eighth game with a chance to take a 5-3 lead. Graf, however, fought off both points, one with an impressive overhead winner, to level the set again.

Graf then came up with a crucial service break in the ninth game on her fifth break point of the set when Evert netted a drop shot and the West German served out the match on a service

"It was always going back and forth," Graf said. "In the second set at 3-1 the bad call really disturbed me. I was getting mad at it. I didn't concentrate for two games, then I said I have to get back into it. That helped me play better," she said,..

Graf had taken an early 3-1 lead in the first set when Evert double faulted to lost her serve.

BY CHARLES GOREN

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North East South West Q.5 - Both vulnerable, as South you



Steffi Graf

break point in the fifth game with an ace and broke back for 4-4 in the eighth game, only to lose her serve in the ninth and watch Graf

serve out the set. Evert, the winner here in 1986. compared this year's one hour 40 minute battle to Graf's 58-minute 6-1, 6-2 1987 rout.

'I'm closing the gap a little bit. I'm happy with my play this week," Evert said.

"There were a couple of key points in both sets that she played better on. I got my chances, but I just couldn't pull it out of the bag," Evert said.

Egyptian parliamentarians to discuss soccer disaster

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian par hiamentary committee will hold a special session next week to discuss a blow to national pride elimination from the Africa Nations Soccer Cup.

youth affairs is due to meet next Sunday to discuss ways of avoiding a repeat of Egypt's poor

One fan said in a letter to Al-Ahram newspaper Sunday that a minute's national mourning should be observed, and another suggested the team and football federation should be jailed as "a security threat to soccer."

Passions have not cooled in the week since Egypt drew 0-0 with Nigeria in Rabat and were knocked ont of Africa's premier soccer

It was the first time defending champions Egypt had heen eliminated in the first round. The football federation will meet Monday amid continuing calls for the sacking of British coach Mike

Duke, Oklahoma reach NCAA basketball final four

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (R) - The Duke Bine Devils rallied Saturday to upset Temple, the top-ranked college basket-ball team in the country, 63-53 and earned a berth among the

NCAA final four in Kansas City next weekend.

Oklahoma soundly defeated Villanova 78-59 in the Southeast regional final of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament to take their place in the coveted final four.

A tenacious Oklahoma defence held the Wildcats to just 21

second half points and kept them scoreless for a stretch of over five Villanova led 38-31 at the half, but the sooners recied off 11 straight points midway thru the second half and continued to shut

down the Wildcat scorers. The Temple Owls led by as much as 10 points in the first half of the East Regional final before Duke closed the gap to 28-25 at the

Duke, led by Kevin Strickland's game-high 2I points and Danny Ferry's 20, completely took control of the game early in the second half and never looked back.

The tournament began on March 17 with 64 teams. The last two berths in the final four will be decided Sunday.

NCAA BASKETBALL RESULTS

NEW YORK (R) — Results of regional finals in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) baskethall tournament

Temple Southeast:

Oklahoma 76 Villanova

Napoli, Milan abridge gap as Roma defeats Inter

ROME (R) — The race for the Italian Soccer League title narrowed to Diego Maradona's Napoli and AC Milan Sunday when third-placed Roma went down 4-2 to Internazionale.

Both leading teams were held to goalless draws, champions Napoli at Torino and Milan at relegation-threatened Avellino, leaving Napoli four points clear of Milan nn 39.

Roma's ritle hopes had been revived by four victories in succession but their defeat left them six points adrift of Napoli with six matches to go and two down on AC Milan.

Inter, struggling hack from the doldrums and in search of a place in Europe next season, were 3-0 up after 31 minutes with a penalty from veteran striker Alessandro Altobelli and goals from Giuseppe Bergomi and Massimo Ciocci. A fighting Roma had the de-

ficit down to a single goal by half time hefore man-of-the-match Ciocci hit home Internazionale's fourth and his second with a masterly shot from way out on the right in the 69th minute.

Giuseppe Giannini scored for Roma in the 37th from a penalty awarded for hand ball after an inter player mistakenly picked up the hall in the area, thinking play had been stopped.

He was also involved in Roma's second, directing a free kick into the area where Bergomi had the misfortune of putting the ball into his own net. Milan had travelled to second-

from-bottom Avellino with their Nicola Di Leo. sights set on full points while Napoli faced a tougher task against the team which beat them in the quarter-finals of the Italian Cup three weeks ago.
But on a day which brought not

a single change in the League table, both teams had to be content with a draw.

Milan midfielder Angelo Colombo had a clear chance to store in each half but was thwarted both times by Avellino keeper in the air.



Diego Maradona

At Torino, Austrian Anton Polster almost put the home side ahead early in the first half but headed just wide.

Sampdoria, 1-0 winners at home to Fiorentina, stayed fourth nine points hehind Napoli with inter fifth and Torino sixth.

Fiorentina's Swedish striker Glenn Hysen had a goal dis-allowed in the first half after he clashed with a Sampdoria player

Algeria wins 3rd place in Africa Cup

took the third place consolation prize in the Africa Nations Cup soccer tournament after beating Morocco 4-3 in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw Saturday.

Algeria took the game into extra time with a goal in the dying minutes from star midfielder Lakhdar Belloumi, who headed home from close range, at the far post after some hesitation by the substitute Moroccan goalkeeper in coming out to challenge.

It gave the North African side a measure of revenge for a 1-0 defeat by Morocco earlier in the competition. But Algeria take third place without having won a single game in the two week tournament.

In the Group A qualifying matches, apart from losing to the host nation, they only managed The second seed fought off a I to draw with both Zaire and Ivory

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What do you bid now?

The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now?

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Look for answers on Monday,

Coast and moved into a semifinal clash with Nigeria on the hasis of a potluck draw.

Morocco, humbled by Came-ronn in Wednesday's semi-final, had opened the scoring about 20 minutes into the second half when newcomer Hassan Nader scored with a header from a cross after a long run down the left by Mourad Jahrane.

But the host nation failed to impress in the unimpressive encounter which was witnessed by a paltry 15,000 in Casahlanca's Mohamed V Stadium,

Not much was at stake, but some of the young Moroccan players used the match as an opportunity to stake a claim for a regular first team place.

Most of the Moroccan profes-

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Start the new week with the resolu-tion that you will take no risks or

make any changes, but will carry through with the sensible decisions

you made during the weekend. Pay pecial attention to details. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) This

is not a good time to let others

know what your plans for the future are. Be cautious in handling civic af-

fairs and driving tonight.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Don't bring any guests into your
home today, and thereby avoid
trouble. You should exercise artreme caution at all times.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An
annoying situation at work will
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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Flighter Institute

sionals returned to their clubs in Europe immediately after the

semi-final defeat. Newcomer Mustaphfa Kiddi and goalscorer Nader combined well up front although Nader missed an easy chance midway through the first half.

Algeria had had the best of things early on. They split the Moroccan defence after 15 minutes with sharp passing before Ali Bouafia had a shot well-saved hy Morocco's substitute goalkeeper Khalil Azmi.

Morocco dominated the second half, bringing the crowd alive, after only 10 minutes when Maataoui Tijani hit the cross har with a strong long-range volley. Extra-time failed to separate

the North African rivals.

judgments. Your mate is in a poor

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You

will have to rely completely on yourself today, as others will be too

busy to help you. Avoid any arguments with your friends. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Find out what is expected of you by those in power, and do what you can to please them. Don't do any-

thing to spoil your reputation. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) If you want to give some atten-tion to a new project, be sure you don't neglect other activities. Take

advice from a friend, but carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 23)
You may feel that you have too
many responsibilities ahead of you,
but handle them in your own orderby fashion and get good results.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
Don't sever your relationship with
a good friend over a silly argument.
Try to create a more cooperative at-

sphere at your place of busin

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

d, so be soothing.

A period of test for baseball players

NEW YORK (AP) - The prob-lem is clear. Hitters are getting too far ahead of pitchers.

The solution is strange. Shrink the strike zone in the rulebook, call higher strikes in the games. If it sounds confusing, it is. No one is sure what the effect will be, not even the umpires, who are trying to enforce the change in spring training.

"It's second nature to us what a strike is," said Joe Brinkman, an American League umpire for 16 seasons. "Now, we'll have to constantly think about it."

Raising the actual strike zone hy a few inches (centimetres) could be the biggest hatter-pitch adjustment in haseball since the mound was lowered after 1968. Here's what's happening:

zone as between the batter's armpits and the top of his knees. But in reality, anything above the belt was a ball, particularly in the low-ball National League. The new rule brings hack the letter-high strike. The upper limit

will be the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants; the lower limit remains at the knees. Technically, that is smaller than before. But the idea is that

nunpires will call those high Hitters, who have seen home run totals go up to record rates, are not thrilled at seeing the

strike zone go up, too. "All our lives we've been

taught to lay off that bigh pitch, It's a ball," Wade Boggs carped. "Now, do we have to swing at

This season, Boggs and other batters do. One-year test

The players' union and owners have agreed to the change for a Brinkman said. "There were ab-

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results. Yet even if players don't want to continue the alterations. management can implement

them in 1989. Pitchers are excited about the strike zone becoming a twilight zone up top. Their strikeouts are at an all-time high, but they are giving up runs at an alarming

Last year, 62 pitchers in the American League had earned run averages of over 6.00. Baltimore and Cleveland became the first AL teams with eras over 5.00 since 1956.

The National League, where scoring is about a half-run less because there is no designated hitter, is equally porous, With higher strikes, those im-

The old rule defined the strike halanced numbers could come

"I heard about it in the offseason and I like it," said Dwight Gooden, who has always enjoyed success with rising, chest-high fastballs. "So I thought this spring that if I got ahead in the count, I'd go up there but I haven't noticed any difference."

That's because sometimes there isn't anv.

"I have not changed my strike zone at all," said Bruce Froem-ming, an NL umpire for 18 years. "I've always been accused of having a high strike zone, but the League felt, as a group, we we-ren't calling the higher strike." Brinkman's zone has ex-

panded. "I'm calling it about a bail higher," he said. "It doesn't sound like much, but it is. This

will be a major adjustment." "The first game I had behind the plate this spring, I called about seven or eight strikes that I would've called halls last year,"

BUT WHAT IF

SOMEONE

HITS A BALL

TO RIGHT

FIELD?

one-year test period. After the out nine or 10 the next time." season, both sides will review the High strike

Few batters have argued about high strikes in the exhibition season, in contrast to the protests pitchers and managers have lodged about increased halks. That might change come open-

ing day. "It's still early in the spring," Brinkman said, "No one is saying much right now. Once the games count, it may not be that way."

No one is sure, and no one knows whether the change will more closely align the strike zones in the two leagues. AL umpires have a reputation

as high-ballers; NL umpires like The umpires, however, say

there is little discrepancy. "I don't think you can differentiate between the two leagues anymore," Froemming said. "A

lot of that is because of the inside chest protector." AL umpires used to employ bulky outside protectors, which prevented them from tucking hehind catchers. The leagues now use the same form-fitting inside protectors and all umpires get the

That doesn't mean everyone has the same view of the new strike zone.

Terry Kennedy, an all-star catcher in both leagues, is caught in the middle. He wants more strikes for his pitchers, fewer strikes as a hitter.

And he doesn't like what he sees from either side. 'Why don't they just leave it alone?" Kennedy said. "Maybe they think pitching is too thin.

But this is very unrealistic and not worth doing. "Don't they have more important things in baseball to worry

ahout instead of stupid rule changes?" he said. "Why don't they worry about the state of owner-player relations instead of trying to change the strike zone?"

India beats N. Zealand reaches Sharjah Cup finals

SHARJAH, United Arah Emirates (AP) - India defeated New Zealand by 73 runs Sunday to enter the finals of the Sharjah Cup

India's Mohinder Amarnath, who cracked an unbeaten 102 and helped India to a massive total of 267 for 6, was declared man of the

India beat Sri Lanka Friday in the opening match of the three-way

The Indians lost the toss for the second time in the tournament and New Zealand put them in to bat. K. Srikkant was bowled by W. Watson on the eighth hall of the

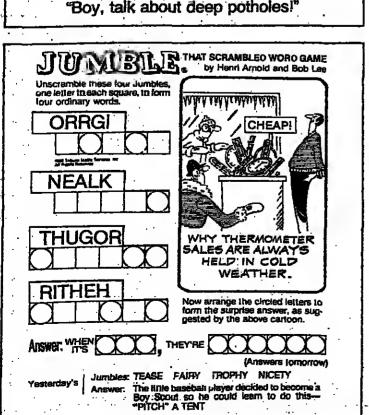
match and W.V. Raman was caught by M. Greatbatch off Richard The New Zealanders' opening pace attack overwhelmed the Indians for the first 10 overs.

Hadlee, Watson and D. Morrison bowled hrilliantly, moving the hall dangerously off the pitch. But Amarnath and N. Sidhu slowly settled down and began to score.

WE DON'T WIN ANY GAMES.

BUT I HAVE HAPPY PLAYERS.

you will get is broke. Don't violate your ethics for any reason. LEO Usul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you don't study every phase of a new project, you could make some big mistakes. Stop all that wishful thinking, and be more practical. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22 Your PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take some time to handle those tasks which are not much fun, but heve to be taken care of anyway. Don't intuition is not up to par at this let criticism bother you.



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YOU, CHARLES



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DETROIT (R) — A U.S. re-search team is making the dream

of fathering a child a reality for

men paralysed by spinal cord

mjury and others who have lost the ability to ejaculate semen

because of permanent neurolo-

gical damage. The technique, de-

veloped in the 19th century for

use in animal husbandry and re-

fined at the University of Michi-

gan, induces the release of semen

with a low-voltage impulse deli-

vered by a rectal probe. Concep-tion is achieved either through

artificial insemination or in vitro

New hope for

paralysed men

Banks refuse to open

Pro-Noriega troops crack down on strike

"We will block the streets of

this country. Let the president

come and speak 10 us in the

street, said retiree Mannel

through the 15,000-member de-

fence forces that he heads. But

that control could weaken the

longer his soldiers go without

pay. Their payday was Friday.

but because of Panama's current

cash crisis, they didn't receive

Troops raid capital

al's port before dawn, moving

aside several ship containers that

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way to the docks since March 14,

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A few hours later, the nearby

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had been keeping vigil dis-appeared. National Port Director

General Diomedes Concepcion

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Concepcion told reporters,

adding "if not, we are aiding the

"The port had to be opened,"

Noriega reiterated threats to

not been paid.

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Armed troops raided the capit-

Noriega controls Panama

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Troops loyal to General Manuel Antonio Noriega raided Panama City's port area, seized control of flour mills and shut down a union hall while the army threatened to use force to reopen the nation's banks.

Escudero.

Banks ignored the threats called for Monday. Saturday, and dockworkers stayed away from work as part of a general strike called by opposition leaders trying to force Noriega from power.

Noriega announced Friday that soldiers would seize flour from the nadon's mills, apparently to distribute to Panamanians who bave been short of food because

of the strike. Defiant mill owners retaliated by announcing they were donating the flour to the Roman Catholic Church's food programme for the needy, but troops began raiding the mills before donations could begin.

Esther Kwaiben, treasurer of the Church's programme, said more than 1.3 million pounds (590,000 kilogrammes) of flour stored in the mills apparently bad been taken 10 government ware-

At the Harinas Panama Mill, the general manager, Tirso Wolfschoon, his wife and other company employees were arrested. At General Mills de Panama, troops kicked out all the em-

ployees and took over the plant. Noriega opponents got a boost when groups representing \$5,000 retirees announced they will join nadonwide street demonstrations the Nadonal Civic Crusade has force banks to hand over an estimated \$70 million in their vaults so the government could pay its troops.

But the Panamanian Bankers Association, which groups 90 of the 118 Panamanian and foreign banks operating in this country. rejected the request.

The government's request "does not solve the problem of the fiscal and financial crisis of the nation that bas deep political roots," said a statement by the

Panama ran short of cash last month after U.S. officials blocked all Panamanian funds in the United States, including revenues from the Panama Canal.

> Mexico condemns U.S. pressure

In Cancun, Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid Saturday condemned efforts to force Noriega to quit and called it a form of interference in that coun-

try's internal affairs.
"We urge that through reelection and dialogue it be the Panamanian people who deter-mine their political future," de la Madrid said, referring to the pressures exerted by the Reagan administration on Noriega to relinquish power, although he did not mention the United States by

De la Madrid spoke at a news conference after reviewing the situation in Central America during two days of talks with Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo Guatemala in the Caribbean beach resort of Cancun on the tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula

increasing its presence to threaten Nicaragua and ... kill the Sapoa accords. The Sandinistas and contras agreed to a 60-day ceasefire be-ginning April 1 during their peace talks last week in Sapoa,

Ortega

calls for

force on

Honduras

MANAGUA (AP) — Nicara-guan President Daniel Ortega

said he had told a United Nations

technical commission visiong the

Nicaragua-Honduras border that

a multinational peacekeeping force was necessary to stabilise

Nicaragua also announced its delegation for a meeting with contra representatives Monday to define where rebel fighters can

locate inside Nicaragua under the

ceasefire accord reached in Sapoa

Ortega told reporters he had

told Gilberto Schilittler, head of

the U.N. delegadon, Saturday night that "it is important to achieve the stabilisation of the

border zone with Honduras, and

this is only possible with a multi-

The U.N. team inspected the

border Thursday and Friday, the

scene of a reported incursion into

Honduras by Sandinista Army

troops pursuing contra rebels.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan

cited the incursion as the reason-

for sending 3.100 American

troops to Honduras on March 17

at the request of Honduran Pres-

Ortega said that without a

peacekeeping force, "the United

States can continue heating up

the border ... provoking conflicts,

ident Jose Azcona Hoyo,

U.N.

the area.

last week.

lateral force.'

near the Costa Rican border. Ortega called on the United States to respect the agreement, saying the United States "must cease its military and logistical aid to the counterrevolutionary forces and simply limit itself to medical aid and basic food"

He said Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras had indicated his government was predisposed to "the establishment of a multinational force" on the border in a speech before the Organisation of American states on Nov. 11,

The 100 political news agency ANGOP said be released Sunday by the gov-Saturday. ernment as part of a gradual The agency quoted an unidentified military source as saying attack by South Africa used long-range G-5 ITA relatillery pieces, Mirage fighter cember. amnesty under the accord will he free to remain in Nicaragua or leave, Ortega said.

Jackson blows past Dukakis

son won Michigan's primary-like caucuses Saturday, hlowing past Michael Dokakis for an industrial state victory that tightened the Democratic presidential race. For Richard Gephardt, third place meant the end was near for his

almost 2.1 by running strongly across the state and winning huge majorides in Detroit. That broad support meant the preacherturned-politician scored a delegate plurality as well.

"Today is a message of hope," Jackson said in Milwankee. "People are responding to authenticity and message and soul over just money and mechanics.

"This is not my night alone," he said. "When we, the working people, stand together, we win and we make America stronger."

It was a disappointing night for Dukakis, who has been tried to break away from Jackson to become the frontrunner for the 1988

nominacion "I don't think I did very well in Michigan." the Massachusetts governor said as he congratulated Jackson.

The news was not all bad for Dukakis as he picked up a win Saturday in North Dakota and was gaining strength in the Iowa county convendons.

Gepbardt's hoped-for "Michigan miracle" did not happen. Aides bad said the Missouri congressman probably would withdraw from the presidential race and file for reelection to his con-

MOSCOW-(R) - Soviet anthor-

ities confirmed Sunday that most

factories were idle in the disputed

Azerbaijani region Nagorno-

Karabakh, where dissidents said

a three-day protest strike started

tained, there is a relative calm in

Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous

region. But the majority of enter-

South African soldiers and des-

Angola reportedly repels

LISBON (AP) — Angolan government forces have repelled a south African advance against the hesieged town that

the strategic southern town of ended Wednesday. The report Cuito Cuanavale, killing 18 hlack was monitored in Lisbon.

troying four tanks, the official kilometres north of Angola's bor-

S. African advance

"Public order is being main-

Jesse Jackson

We're going to go home tomorrow and meet with our family and we'll have some word for you the first of next week ... " family meeting.

With returns from 94 per cent of the voting sites in Michigan, Jackson had 107,689 or 55 per cent to 55,337 or 28 per cent for Dukakis. Gephardt had 24,995,

Senator Paul Simon of Illinois had 4.069 for 2 per cent and Senator Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee had 5.818 for 2 per cent. Neither man put significant re-

sources into the state. Jackson won enormous majorioes in Detroit, which bas a large black population. In the 1st conthe 13th, the margin was 17,715 to 1,536.

The Michigan raw votes translated into national convention delegates. Initial calculations gave Jackson 61, Dukakis 43, Gephadt 22, and 12 undecided among the

138 pledged delegates.

In North Dakota, the precinct cancus results made this the preliminary split for national convention delegates: Dukakis, 5; Jackson, 3; and Gephardt, 2. Five would go as uncommitted dele-

These results oghtened the de-legate race a bit. In the AP delegate connt, Dukakis bas 596.55 to Jackson's 584.55. Gore had 362.8 delegates, Gephardt 178, Simon 171.5 and uncommitted 371.6.

Dukakis picked up strength in the Iowa county conventions, while Gepbardt slipped. Gephardt won the Feb. 8 precinct caucuses there, but be was trailing Dukakis in returns from the county meetings, the next step in the complicated delegate-selection process.

Gepbardt's bopes for a win were hurt hy the refusal of national labour union leaders to fall in behind his candidacy. He particularly felt the failure to win an endorsement from the United Auto Workers, big supporters of Gephardt's trade policies and the

biggest union in the state.
Dukakis built an impressive organisation in this industrial state, where he hoped a win would give him a large sbare of the delegates as well as a popular

CAIRO (AP) - A Cairo court bas sentenced three workers to death by hanging and ordered three others be imprisoned for life for raping a 15-year-old stu-dent. Egyptian newspapers reported Saturday. The sentence, issued Friday, is the most severe punishment to be meted oat in recent memory on so many convicts in a single rape case. "If there were a more severe punishment in the law, I would bave meted it out on you," newspap-, ers accounts quoted the court's president, Judge Antoun Basily. as addressing the convicts before reading the sentence. The convicts abducted the girl last August while walking in a Cairo street and took ber to an apartment where they raped her after overcoming a relative who was in her

Revenge of

RIYADH (AP) -- A clan of! monkeys roaming Saudi Arabia's southern desert attacked a motorist who ran over one of their number, the Okaz newspaper reported Sunday. It said the motorist was driving to work when he killed the monkey on a highway in the Khamis Mesheit region. The paper did not identify the man. It quoted him as saying the other monkeys chased his car, but gave up when they could not catch it. The man said that as he drove bome later on the same road, be found the monkeys still gathered round the body. When they spotted the car, they jumped on it and smashed the windows with their bare hands. The driver, succeeded in evading them and as he sped off, saw the monkeys dragging away the body of their

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AP) Mellissa L. Sanders climbed

Soldier of Fortune gets caught

HOUSTON, Texas (R) - A

U.S. federal judge Thursday up-held a \$9.4 million judgment against Soldier of Fortune magazine for publishing an advertise-ment which led to the murder of a Texas woman by a paid hitman. Sandra Black was killed in 1985 by John Wayne Hearn, who had heen hired by ber husband Robert after he had seen the ad, which referred to ex-marines who were seeking "high-risk assign-ments" in the United States or abroad. Indge David Hittner ordered the magazine to pay the award to the woman's mother and son after a jury earlier this month found it negligent for printing the ad. Both men are now in jail. Black has been sent-

Ershad dissolves cabinet

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh foreign ministry official said, President Hussain Muhammad Ershad dissolved his 30-member cahinet and officials said he was expected to appoint a smaller government team later Sunday. The president has dissolved

the cabinet," the state radio said in a brief bulletin. Ershad had planned to streamline the government following

parliamentary elections early this month won by his ruling Jatiya Party with 251 of 300 assembly The surprise dissolution of the

cabinet occurred a day before he was due to start a state visit to Thailand.

"There's no reason why the visit should not take place," a

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ROME (AP) - Tens of thousands of people marched through

central Rome Saturday to call for more job opportunides for women and tougher laws against sexual ahuse. Organisers

estimated that 100,000 people took part in the mid-afternoon demonstration in which marches slowly made their way across the

city's historic centre. The marchers, men and women, came from

all parts of Italy by car, train and special buses. They carried

hanners, chanted slogans and blew whistles. The demonstrativ n

was organised by the country's three main labour federations,

whose slogan for the protest was "a job for everyone, a different kind of work, a society without violence." They are seeking more

jobs and better working conditions for women, including more

LONDON (AP) - Fiji's prime minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese

Mara, is travelling to London for a private visit, the British

Foreign Office said Sunday, but news reports said he is on a mission to restore links with the British Crown. Ratu Sir

Kamisese is scheduled to meet Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe

Tuesday, said a Foreign Office spokesman, speaking anonymous-

ly in keeping with British custom. He will meet Prime Minister

Margaret Thatcher Tuesday to discuss matters related to Fiii's

new constitution, a spokesman for her office said. The Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported he would also see George

Newman, the British constitutional law expert who bas been

advising Fijian President Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, to discuss

restoring links with the crown. Both AAP and the Observer, a

London newspaper, said he was scheduled 10 meet Sir William

Heseltine, private secretary to Queen Elizabeth II, before leaving

PARIS (R) — Four jailed guerrilla leaders have ended a 116-day hunger strike but aim to continue their campaign to win political

prisoner status, their lawyer said Saturday. Bernard Ripert,

lawyer for the ringleaders of France's extreme left Action Directe

group, told Reuters the four gave up their fast Friday. A Justice Ministry spokesman said the government had made "no deals or

promises" with the four who bad simply "returned to reason."

Ripert said Jean-Marc Rouillan, Nathalie Menigon, Joelle Au-

bron and Georges Cipriani planned to "continue their struggle in

Guerrillas end 116-day hunger strike

flexible schedules for working mothers.

Britain Thursday.

Fiii premier en route to London

Thousands march for women's rights

speaking before news of the

invitation of the Thai royal government and will focus on the close political and economic ties," he added.

"He wouldn't have undertaken the trip if he faced any serious danger in the country," one Asian diplomat said.

Government sources said a majority of ministers would re-

reshuffle was announced. "Everything is under control."
"The visit is taking place at the

Diplomats said the Thailand trip showed be was little shaken by months of opposition protests, including a series of general strikes, aimed at ending his sixyear-old rule.

Ersbad about the elections.

tween rival groups during the

The outgoing cahinet was appointed last August. Two of its most powerful members — Information Minister Anwar Zahid and Health Minister Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury — resigned in February over differences with

Major opposition parties boycotted the violence-packed-polls on March 3 as part of a protracted campaign to topple Ershad. A coalition of 21 opposition parties has now asked him to tesign by April 8 or face an

indefinite general strike. Police said at least IS people were killed and 200 injured in bomhings and gunhattles he-

White House bopes. Jackson defeated Dukakis by

Gephardt said in Milwaukee. "We haven't decided anything. We're going to go home and have a

or 13 per cent.

gressional district, Jackson beat Dukakis 25,427 to 1.808 and in

Armenian protest strike continues

prises in the regional centre of Stepanakert are idle," the Com-

munist Party Daily Pravda said.

Moscow dissident Valery Sen-

deroy said in an interview Satur-

day that a three-day strike in the

city had been accompanied by

demonstrations demanding re-

turn of the territory, governed by

Azerbaijan since 1923, to

Cuito Cuanavale, 300

South-West Africa, also known

as Namibia, has been under

ITA rehels forces since De-

Soviet newspapers Sunday de-scribed the situation in other parts of Azerbaijan and Armenia as normal, with people going about the streets as usual and all factories working.

Hundreds of troops and extra police moved into the Armenian capital, Yerevan, Thursday to enforce a ban by the local authorities on demonstrations.

The organisers of a planned mass rally in the city to protest against the Kremlin's refusal to redraw the boundaries of the republics switched tactics after the ban.

Rallies in Latvia, Estonia

Meanwhile, a number of people were detained at rallies in the Soviet Baloc republics of Latvia and Estonia Friday, the Soviet news agency TASS said Saturday. Latvian dissident Ronalds Gaubis earlier told reporters hy were seized by security officials during a rally in Riga in memory attack by South African and UN- of Latvians deported to Siberia hy the late Soviet dictator Josef

Nicaraguan accord seems a victory for Sandinistas, defeat for Reagan

By George Gedda The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The ceasefire agreement signed this past week between Nicaragua and the contra rebels may represent the most significant turning point for that country since the United States first began backing the insurgents in 1981.

Barring unexpected develop-ments, the agreement could bring the war to an end and leave the ruling Sandinistas with a firm grip on power. The Sandinistas have ruled Nicaragua since their 1979 revolution. U.S. President Ronald Reagan

expended considerable political capital over the years trying to convince his countrymen that Sandinista power, left unchecked, would mean a Soviet beachhead in Central America and grave national security risks for the United States.

But Reagan was unable to muster consistent majority support for his policy. Too many legislators felt that the human costs of sustaining the war were too high when compared with the benefits Reagan saw in trying to overthrow the Sandinistas

The price paid by Nicaraguans over the past seven years has been ohvious. The war has claimed more than 40,000 lives and left the economy in a sham-

The policy never had much enthusiastic support beyond the conservative wing of Reagan's Republican Party. In Latin America, it was difficult to find any president willing to express support for contra aid, even in those Central American countries which Reagan said would be most affected by the collapse of the

For all the energy Reagan spent in support of the contras, Congress approved only about \$209 million for them over seven years - equivalent to what the White House says the Soviet Union provides to the Sandinistas every few months. During the he-



Announcing accord: Organisation of American States (OAS) Secretary Jojo Suarez reads the accord signed last week by Nicaragua's Sandinista government and the contra rebels, flanked by (from left)

ight of the Vietnam war, the Un-rious talks between the two govited States committed thousands of troops and spent that much every few days.

For the U.S., it's over

Now, it appears there is little the United States can do to infinence events in Nicaragua. The administration has used extensive diplomatic and economic pressures to force the Sandinistas' hand with minimal results, and now it has been deprived of what Reagan and the contras believe is their most effective lever - military pressure. The best contras can hope for now is a bumanitarian aid package that Congress consider next week.

Given its past statements, the White House may try to take advantage of the new mood of reconciliation in Nicaragua and explore how to achieve a more normal relationship with the Sandinistas. There have been no se-

ernments in more than three

There are several theoretical scenarios under which what was done last week could be undone, and the war resumed. Under

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White House prodding, Congress would decide to commit itself next week to an early vote on additional contra military aid if the peace process breaks down and Reagan makes an aid re-

But it appears a majority in Congress, worn down by the contra aid issue, does not want to give the president that anthority.

Contra surrender likely The most likely outcome is a

Bravo, and contra leaders Cesar and Adolfo Calero contra surrender to terms set ments Feb. 29. The contras

permanent truce. Under the agreement, the contras will be allowed to take their arms with them to mutually agreed ceasefire zones. But their supplies are running low, there is little prospect for replenishment, and nothing prevents the Sandinista Army from surrounding these zones while talks on a

severe disadvantage. After a year in which the contras had emerged as an effective fighting force, dispatching thousands of troops into Nicaragua from sanctuaries in Honduras. 1988 has marked a steady downward spiral.

permanent settlement are carried

out. The contras will be at a

The U.S. House of Representative defeated a key contra aid vote Feb. 3, and Congress

forth hy the Sandinistas during agreed less than a month later to talks due to start April 6 on a a ceasefire proposal that fell far short of their demands even though they won some concessions from the Sandinistas, inelnding the promise of free speech and contra participation in a national dialogue.

> The White House has praised the agreement, but this is one instance in which there is a wide gap between the publicly stated view and the private assessment.

Officials felt it was inappropriate to criticise the contras for signing an agreement after a lack of U.S. steadfastness forced their hand. .

"The contras made their own decision, and they made it courageously; and we must not do anything to undo it," said White House Chief of Staff Ho-ward-Baker in an interview on ws Network. ----

fertilisation. Researchers say the procedure, which is called Electroejaculadon, may also help those with testicular cancer, multiple sclerosis or a variety of other disorders that block the nerve signal required to trigger normal ejaculation. Electroejaculation was adapted for use in humans in about 1940 but until the University of Michigan research team, led by urologist Carol Bennett, be-gan in 1985 to refine the technique, its success rate was patchy. Mete it out, judge

company. the monkeys

dead companion into nearby mountains, the paper added.

Pole-sitter lands

into the bucket of a firefighters extension ladder with ber pet cat and returned to earth Thursday after a record 517 days sitting atop a 13-metre pole. "My knees are wobbly but I feel great," said. Sanders, embraced by her mother. Mauri Rose Sanders. "Without the cat, I would never bave made it." Sanders, 19, broke the world record Feb. 25. when she overtook the 488-day mark set by Mark Sutton of Victoria, British Columbia. She now. is in the Guinness Book of World Records. Her fiance, Keith Seal, 25, greeted her on the ground. They met after Seal read an article about her effort to raise money for cancer research and telephoned her. About 1,000 people gathered to watch Sanders' descent from the shack she called home for 11/2 years.

enced to death

Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels would increase attacks in the run-up to the 19th anniversary of the founding of the guerrilla army on March 29.

another form." They had refused food from Dec. 1 to force prison authorities to put an end to months of strict isolation in high security jails. Ramos proposes use of reservists MANILA (R) — The Philippines defence chief has proposed using the country's one million army reservists in the war against left and right-wing rebel groups. "Our reservists should be ready when called upon for duty during emergencies... to counter the Communist insurgency and the (Muslim) separatist movement and other threats besetting us today." Fidel Ramos told air force reservists. "We are presently not at war, but the time to prepare for war and its prevention is during the time of peace." The defence secretary's call came amidst military warnings that